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THE EARLIEST ASIAN CHRISTIANITY Samuel Hugh Moffett

In a day when much is written on the urgency of Asianizing or Africanizing Christianity lest it remain an alien growth on the continents of the "third world", it may be well to remember that indigenization (or contextualization, to use the currently more fashionable word) is no new problem. It is as old as St. Paul, and historians nave debated for decades whether the Hellenizing of Jewish Christianicy in the west was an ind spensable step in its growth, or an inexcusable dilution of its purity, or in fact, whether, it occurred at all.

It is too often forgotten that the gospel moved east and Asianized (if it was not indeed already Asian) as early as it moved west and Hellenized. Why has not more attention been given to the orientalizing of Christianity by the Nestorians? Before Christianity is too rocklessly Asianized in the twentieth century, it might not be amiss to look buck at church history and try to determine what Asianization meant in the first few centuries as revealed in the development of the Nestorian church.

One reason, of course, for the neglect is the comparative paucity of materials available on the Nestorian roots of Asian Christianity. The surviving documents are too slender a base to support some of the bold and contradictory statements made about these earliest Christians of Asia. One scholar calls them the greatest missionaries the world has ever seen. ¹ Another dismisses them as "degenerate". ²

^{1.} A. Mingana, "The Early Spread of Christianity in Central Asia and the Far East", in <u>Bulletin</u> of the John <u>Rylands Library</u>. Manchester, Vol. 9, No. 2(July 1925) P. 347.

^{2.} James Legge, quoted by John Foster, The Church of the Tlang Dynasty. London, 1939. p. 112.

One historian selects 1000 A.D. as the date of the climax of Nestorian expansion and power. 3 Another takes the same date (987 A.D.) as the time of the eclipse of Nestorianism in China a end the dismal end of two centuries of persecution and decline.4 In the field of theology the same contradictions persist. Nestorians are either heretics, condemned by the ecumenical councils, or they are ancient and apostolic Asian Christians untainted by the perversions of Western Greek philosophy.5

Some of these contradictions are only apparent. Nestorianism is not an undivided continuum. In 3rd century Osrhoene it could have been vastly different from what it became in 13th century China. In fact 3rd century Nestorianism is not, porperly speaking. Nestorianism at all. Nevertheless it is on this earliest period, the period of first adjustments to non-Roman, Asian culture, that I wish to focus, for here, I believe, is the earliest Asian Christianity.

A word about my use of terms. I will speak of the Nestorian church, though that name was not used officially by Nestorians until the 13th century.⁶ Their own proud name for their church was the Church of the East. But east and west are confusingly relative terms, and since to most Christians Eastern Church means Eastern Orthodoxy, it seems best to use the less accurate but more prevalent name, Nestorian. The term "Asian Christianity" is also capable of more than one interpretation. In this paper I use it culturally, not

3. A. S. Atiya, <u>A History of Eastern Christianity</u>. London, 1968. p. 265. 4. Foster, op. cit. p. 115 f.

- 5. See J. F. Bethune-Baker, Nestorius and His Teaching: A Fresh Examination of the Evidence. Cambridge University Press, 1906. 6. A. S. Atiya, op. cit. p.239

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geographically. Jerusalem, Antioch and Armenia are all geographically in Asia, but politically and culturally they belonged sooner or later to the West, to the Roman Empire. "Asian Christianity" as used here will refer rather to churches that grew and spread outside the Roman Empire in ancient, oriental kingdoms stretching along the Old Silk Road from Osrhoene to China, and from Adiabene to India.

The general outline of Nestorian expansion to the east is familiar. Already before the end of the first century,⁷ the Christian faith broke strongly across the borders of Rome into "Asian" Asia. Its first roots were probably in the tiny independent principality of Osrhoene and its capital city, Edessa, where the Euphrates River curves across the Syrian border into modern Turkey.⁸ From Edessa the faith spread to another small kingdom 400 miles farther east across the Tigris River, the kingdom of Adiabene, with its capital at Arbela, near Nineveh. Arbela became the "nerve-center", as Mingana calls it, of Christian missionary penetration on into Central Asia.⁹

7. J.B. Harnack's monumental <u>Expansion of Christianity in the</u> <u>First Three Centuries</u>, tr. by J. Moffatt (N.Y. & London, 1905) lists no Christian communities outside the Empire in the first century, but later discoveries suggest otherwise. See below.

 J.B. Segal (<u>Edessa</u>, <u>The Blessed City</u>. Oxford, 1970) thinks the first Christian center may have been Arbela. (pp. 67ff.);
 See Foster, <u>op. cit.</u> p. 4 f.

9. Mingana, op. cit. p. 299

By the end of the second century Christians are mentioned as far east as Bactria in what is now northern Afghanistan, and mass conversions of Huns and Turks in Central Asia are reported from the fifth century onwards.¹⁰ By the seventh century Persian missionaries had reached the "end of the world", Chang'an, the capital of T'and dynasty China. The Chinese received them courteously and promptly put a library at their disposal.¹¹ Chang'an was not the end of the world. The Chinese called it the center. Its empire was greater than either Rome or Persia, and its library larger than any in the West, including the famous library of Alexandria. It might well have become the center for the evangelization of Asia, But it did not.

One of the great mysteries in the history of missions is why Christianity, having at last reached the heart of the Chinese Empire, disappeared from there so quickly. Only two hundred years later it had virtually vanished. Most writers seek for the answer in the scanty records that survive from the Chinese missionary frontier. It could be equally important to study the more abundant records of its roots in Syria and Persia for clues to explain both the amazing strength of the Nestorian missionary advance, and its equally surprising collapse.

Early Syro-Persian Christianity may be divided roughly into four periods:

- The Edessa Arbela period: the Syrian roots. (100 to 226 A.D.)
- 2. The Sassanian period: the Persian base. (226 to 642 A.D.)

10. Ibid. pp. 301 ff.

11. P.Y. Saeki, The Nestorian Documents and Relics in China. 2nd. ed. Tokyo, 1951. p. 115

- 3. The Arab period: survival in isolation. (642 to 1258 A.D.)
- 4. The Mongol period: revival and destruction. (1258 to 1500 A.D.)

For purposes of chronological comparison, let me add some dates for Nestorian Christianity in China.

- 1. The rise of Nestorianism in T'ang China. (635 to 781 A.D.)
- 2. The disappearance of T'ang Christianity. (781 to 980 A.D.)
- 3. Temporary reappearance under the Mongols. (1200 to 1368 A.D.)

In this paper I will deal only with the earliest period, the Edessa-Arbela, or Syrian, period. The principal primary sources include two works from the first two Asian theologians, that radically dissimilar pair, Tatian the ascetic and Bardaisan the hedonist. Tatian's <u>Address to the Greeks¹²</u> establishes the distinctively Asian character of Syrian Christianity outside the Rom² Empire while Bardaisan's <u>Dialogue on</u> <u>Fata¹³</u> proves the intellectual originality of the Edessene theological tradition. These two works are all that survive from the two second-century theologians. <u>The Acts of Thomas</u>,¹⁴ which is perhaps from the early third century, represents another side of Edessene Christianity, the romantically <u>(Another work define perhaps from</u>, the second-century, the superstitious popular faith of the time. The second-century, the dias of Solomon¹⁵ throws light on the liturgy and asceticism of

- Tatian, Address to the Greeks. Oratic adversus graecos, in J.P. Nigne, Petrologia Grace, VI. English translation by J.E. Ryland in The Ante-Nicene Fathers, ed. A. Roberts, J. Donaldson & A.C. Coze, vol. 2 (N.Y., 1903). pp. 59-83.
- 13. H.J.W. Drijvers, The Book of the Laws of Countries: Dialogue on Fate of Bardaisan of Edessa. Semitic texts with translations, III. Assen, 1965. The Dialogue is sometimes ascribed to Bardaisan's dialogue, disciple, Thilp
- 14. A.F.J. Klijn, The Acts of Thomas: Introduction-Text-Commentary. Leiden, 1962.
- 15. The Odes and Psalms of Solomon, ed. and tr. by J.H. Charlesworth. Oxford, 1973.

the period, and two later works, the fourth-century Doctrine of Addai,¹⁶ and the 6th-century History of Msiha-Zkha¹⁷ contain the traditional histories of the beginnings of Christianity, the one in Edessa, the other in Arbela. A different version of the Arbela tradition is found in the Acts of Mari,¹⁸ which dates to about the same period.

The Christianity which these ancient documents portray is the first clearly delineated expression of the faith outside the Roman Empire and therefore the earliest example of what can properly be called Asian Christianity.¹⁹

Ancient tradition traces this Syrian Christianity back to earliest apostolic times. Eusebius, the father of church history, incautiously connects it with Jesus himself. A letter (he asserts) was found in the Edessa state archives written by Christ to King Abgar promising to send a missionary healer.²⁰ The Jesus-Abgar correspondence became famous and the legend refused to die even after papal condemnation as

- 16. The Doctrine of Addai, in Wm. Cureton, Ancient Syriac Documents. London, 1864 (reprint, 1967). pp. 6-23 (given as Addaeus).
- 17. The History of Mshiha-Zkha, tr. by A. Mingana in Sources Syriaque, (1908, Leipzig) pp. 1-168. In a German translation, C.D. Sachau calls it Chronik von Arbela, in Abhandlungen der preuss Akademie der Wissenschaft (Berlin, 1915)
- 18. Acta Sancta Maris, Assyriae, Babyloniae ac Persidis seculo I Apostoli... ed by J.B. Abbeloos in Analecta Bollandiana, tom. IV (Brussels, 1885)
- 19. The "Thomas" churches of India, even if they date as claimed from the apostle (A.E. Medlycott, <u>India and the Apostle Thomas</u>: <u>An Inquiry with a Critical Analysis of the Acta Thomae</u>, London, 1905), do not emerge from the shadows of undocumented history until at least the 4th century.
- 20. Eusebius. <u>Hist. Eccl.</u> 1. 13. See a full critical analysis of the legend in J.B. Segal, <u>Edessa</u> .. op. <u>cit</u>. pp. 62-77.

spurious, in the fifth century.²¹ It contains at least this much truth: Edessa is undoubtedly one of the oldest centers of the Christian faith in the world. It had the earliest known Christian church building; it produced the first New Testament translation, the first Christian king, the first Christian state, perhaps the first Christian poet, and even the first Christian hermits. The church building is mentioned in the Chronicle of Edessa in its account of a great flood in the year 201 A.D. which damaged "the nave of the church of the Christians". 22 The first New Testament translation was Tatian's harmony of the gospels, the Diatessaron, which was probably compiled either in Edessa or Arbela.23 The first Christian king, as tradition has it, was Abgar the Black of Edessa, a contemporary of Jesus. This is doubtful, to say the least. But by firmer historical evidence, it could very well have been that king's later successor, Abgar the Great (177-212 A.D.). friend of the Christian philosopher-poet Bardaisan, and protector of the church. If so, then Asia had a Christian king and a Christian state a hundred years before the conversion of Rome under Constantine. 24

But what kind of Christianity was the Syrian Christianity which became the root-faith of Nestorian missionary expansion across the continent. For one thing, it was emphatically and unashamedly Asian. "I am an Assyrian," said its first

- 21. Segal, op. cit. p. 73 22. Ibid. p. 24 23. F.C. Burkitt, Early Eastern Christianity. (London, 1904), p.76. H.A. Aytoun, City Centers of Early Christianity, (London, 1915) thinks it was written in Edessa. p. 143.
- 24. J.B. Segal, op. cit., pp. 70, 80; and R.A. Aytonn, op. cit., p. 140 f. 7
 - Segal doubts that Abgar the Great (whom he identifies as the VIIIth, not the IXth Abgar) was actually converted; Aytoun and others call him the first Christian king.

theologian, Tatian, proudly, Writing about 170 A.D.²⁵ The whole thrust of his Address to the Greeks is a recapitulation of all the ways in which Asia (i.e. the non-Greek world) excels the west. Where did the Greeks learn their astronomy? he asks. From Babylon, from Asia. Their alphabet? From the Phoenioians, from Asia. Their poetry and music? From Phrygia, from Asia. Their postal system? From Persia, from Asia. In every way the east excels, said Tatian, and most of all in its religion, the Christian religion, which also comes from Asia and which is far older and truer than all the philosophies and crude religious myths of the Greeks.²⁶

This Asian Christianity which for a thousand years spread faster and farther than either of the Western sects, Homan Catholicism or Greek Orthodoxy, was further distinguished by intense missionery activity, excessive asceticism, theological orthodoxy (for the most part), and a quickness to indigenize that helps to explain its repid cross-cultural expansion.

Its first characteristic was missionary compulsion. From the very beginning Nestorian, or Syrian Christianity as it is better called in this period, was a spreading, evangelizing faith growing so fast that within a century and a half it had broken out of its first bastions in the little semi-independent border principalitles of Osrhoene (Edessa) and Adiabene (Arbela) and had permeated the Persian Empire from "the mountains of Kurdistan to the Persian Gulf". 27 The wide-spread popularity of

25. Tatian, op. cit. ch. 42 (p. 81). 26. Ibid., ch. 1, 4, 21, 31 and passim (pp. 65, 66, 74, 77 ff.) His non-Greeks ("barbarians") are not limited to Asia, but the emphasis is on Asia.

27. The History of Mshiha-Zkha, tr. by A. Mingana in Scurces Syriaque, 1. p. 27; and J. Stewart, Nestorian Missionary Enterprise, Edinburgh & Madras, 1928, p.4

a "missionary romance" like the Acts of Thomas was no accident. Edessa's heroes were missionaries. Inevitably such literature abounded in dubious miracles and triumphalism, but there is also a curiously authentic note of reluctant compulsion in the old traditions of the first Syrian missions. Thomas, for example, in the Acts, goes to India not in the all-conquering, aggressive manner of the usual missionary hagiographies but is dragged fighting all the way against his call to Asia. The book opens with the apostles gathered in Jerusalem to obey the Lord's commission to "go into all the world". They draw lots to divide the world between them. When the lot for India falls to Thomas, he refuses to go. "I am too weak to travel", he says, "and how can I, a Hebrew, preach to Indians?" He does go, finally, but only after the Lord, as a last resort, appears and sells him as a slave to an Indian merchant who carries him off in servicude to the east. 28

The same note is found in one of the Arbela missionary traditions. Here the missionary is Mari, disciple of Addai, the disciple of Thomas, who is sent out from Edessa "to the regions of the east" but writes back in failure. "The inhabitants are worthless heathen. I am not able to do any good". He begs to return but the church orders him to persist, so reluctantly," he sets himself to the evangelization of Persia.²⁹ There is no question that from the beginning the Asian church was a missionary church, and if in missionary motivation its missions seem to be more missions of obedience than of zeal and love,

28. Acts of Thomas, tr. by M.R. James in The Apocryphal New Testament. Caford, 1924, p. 365

29. Acta Sancta Maris, Assyriae, Babyloniae ac Persidis cecullo I Apostoli...ed. by J. B. Abbeloos in Analecta Bollandiana, tom. IV. Brussels, 1885, pp. 43-138. See also J. Stewart, op. cit. p. 3 f. The other tradition (History of Mshiha-Zkha) makes Addai the first missionary.

it was in this not at all unlike the primary pattern of the New Testament church.³⁰

Consciously or not, those first Syrian missionaries seemed to follow a strategy of missionary expansion which has almost always been characteristic of the church's periods of greatest advance, that is, evangelization not so much of individuals as of peoples in racial or cultural groupings as they become receptive to the gospel. There is persuasive evidence that in the earliest period of Asian expansion these "bridges of God" (as they have been called)31 were the communities of the Jewish diaspora in Syria and Mesopotamia. In Edessa, for example, Addai, the legendary missionary, finds his first shelter with Tobias, son of Tobias, obviously a Jew. 32 Arbela's earliest Christianity was even more pronouncedly Jewish. Its kings had been converted to Judaism in the first century, according to Josephus, and the transition to Christianity must have occurred very shortly thereafter if the legends of Mari are to be believed. 33 At any rate, it is a fact that in the later, 6th-century History of Mshiha-7kha, the earliest bishops of Arbela all have Jewish names--Isaac, Abraham, Noah, Abel--and only later do the names become Syriac and Persian. 34 J.B. Segal ably summerizes this aspect of the Syrian missionary advance:

"Christian evangelists found in the Jewish communities tools ready to hand for the diffusion of their faith; for they were close-knit congregations, respected by their neighbors.

Acts 3: 26 ff.; 13: 1-4, etc.
 31. See Donald Mcdavran, <u>Bridges of God</u>, London, 1955
 32. Euseblus, <u>Ecclasiastical History</u>, 1, 13
 33. J.B. Segal, <u>Edessa: "The Elessed City", op. cit.</u>, emphasizes the Jewish element in Arbela's Christianity, and tends to date the conversion of Arbela even earlier than that of Edessa.
 34. <u>Sources Syriague</u>, <u>op. cit.</u>, p. 13

willing to accept the Christians as allies against the dominant paganism, well acquainted with the methods of analysis and argument best suited to the theological climate of the country, and well acquainted too with the doctrines of the Old "estament, "35

The Doctrine of Addal had pointed to the Jewish connection long before: "The Jews also skilled in the law and the prophets, who traded in silks, they too were convinced and became disciples."30

Underlying and powering the missionary spirit of the Syrian church was a trio of important virtues indispensable for Christian mission: discipline, faithfulness to the gospel, and adaptability. A further political factor, should not be ainimized. namely, that it was free to evangelize, more so in fact at that period than the church in the west.

The first of the trio is discipline. The example of the Apostle Thomas in the <u>lots</u> of Thomas set the tone for an ideal of rigorous self-denial which permeated the early eastern church. This is how Thomas is described: "He continually fasts and prays and eats only broad and salt and drinks water; he wears one coat whether in warn weather or in cold, and he takes nothing from any one, but gives to others what he has."37 The theological roots of this ideal can be traced back to Tatian. that most anti-western of all the church father. His writings as quoted by the fathers emphasize a radical denial of all the

J.B. Segal, op. <u>cit.</u>, p. 43
 <u>The Doctrine of Addai</u>, in Wa. Cureton, <u>Ancient Syriac</u> <u>Documents</u>, Oxford, 1864. p. 14

^{37.} Acts of Thomas, op. cit. Chapter 20. p. 373

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world of matter--meat, wine, possessions and even merriage. 38

But Hey was much that was not so darkh, negative about Synam Southism most impailed, There was also a more positive element in the discipline. and disclosed a doubt and disclosed a doubt relationship with God. The discipline of the covenant appears in the earliest Syrian documents. The <u>Odes of Solomon</u>, found in 1909 and attributed to the primitive second-century Edessene church, lays particular stress on the centrality of the covenant. 39 It is a discipline of convitment between God and man in which beth are bound by an oath. a covenant promise, and in which "man's responsibility is taken as seriously as God's grade." The true Christian is a "son of the covenant" or "daughter of the covenant", bound to God by eath as a warrior against the world, the flesh and the devil.⁴⁰ In this concept of the church as a "community of the covenant" lie the roots of Syrian monesticism, which one historian has called "the backbone of Nestorian missionary expansion".⁴¹

Another characteristic of that early Syrian Christianity was its faithfulness to the gospel. This has not always been acknowledged. Until recent discoveries brought to light the original teachings of Nestorius and cleared him of most of the charges of his opponents, Nestorianism suffered through the centuries from the stigma of neresy. Even the earlier Syrian church was unfairly made retrogressively suspect though it had developed in harmony with the west for three hundred years before Nestorius was even born, and though Nestorius was from the Roman west not the Asian east. The theology of the earliest Asian

 Quotations from Irenaeys and others in Ante-Nicene Fathers. vol. 2, op. cit. p. 82 f.
 A. Voobus, <u>History of Asceticism in the Syrian Orient</u>, vol.1, Louvain, 1956. pp. 63f., esp. n. 5.
 Ibid, pp. 13, 100 f.
 A.S. Atiya, op. cit., p. 256 f.

churches insofar as we can reconstruct it from Tatian's Oratio, or in more popular form, from the Acts of Thomas, (or even to a lesser extent from the more aberrant Bardaisan) is not significantly more unorthodox than much of the writings of the western fathers in that age when orthodoxy had not yet been defined by the councils. Tatian, for example takes apostolic authority as the test for scriptural canonicity, 42 acknowledges the deity of Christ and the preexistence of the Logos, and even accepts the incarnation, which is by far the sharpest test of orthodoxy for this period. 43 The Acts of Thomas, despite its exaggerated miracles and dubious history and even perhaps a slight trace of docetism, despite also its attribution of female gender to the Holy Spirit as the "compassionate Mother", is still clear in its gospel message: salvation is by faith alone in the incarnate, living, risen Lord, who, with God the Father and God the Holiy Spirit, is alone to be worsniped and adored, and in whose name believers are baptized. 44 It was an apostolic faith, and an apostolic New Testament that Syria's Asian missionaries carried to the east.

A third characteristic of the Christianity in that early period was its adaptability. It indigenized. It quickly gave Syria the gospel not in Hellenistic Greek, but in its own tongue, and this recognition of the vital importance of evangelizing and teaching in the vernacular may well have been the most important contribution of Edessa and Arbela to the expansion of the faith. As early as the middle of the second century,

^{42.} A Harnack, A History of Dogma tr. by N. Buchanan (Boston, 1901). vol. I p. 254

^{43.} A. Harnack, op. cit. I. p. 187, 207; A.C. McGiffert, I., p. 127. Also J.F. Bethune-Baker. <u>The Early History of</u> Christian Doctrine (London, 1903). p. 124
44. <u>Acts of Thomas, op. cit. chep. 27</u> (p. 376).

about 150 A.D., the Mesopotamian scholar Tatian had translated the gospels out of the koine Greek in which he felt they had been imprisoned and put them once again, harmonized in his Diatessaron, into the language of Jesus. Syrian Aramaic, which was the language of Edessa and Arb , differed from the language of Palestine, says professor Burkitt, "hardly more than lowland 'Scots' differs from standard English".45 It was not only the language of Jesus, it as also the language of the people, the lingua franc ' the whole Syrian and Mesopotamian world. Not until the g 31 was presented in the popular tongue did it begin to spread outside the Greek-speaking cities into the Syrian countryside. 46 Emphasis on the vernacular remained a characteristic of Nestorian missions. In Persia, later, even when the ecclesiastical language remained Syrian, the language of mission was Pahlavi. In the far east, Nestorian missionaries gave alphabets to Mongol tribes like the Uighurs so that they might read the Word in their own tongue.

The three effective marks of the primitive Syrian ohurch, discipline, fidelity and adaptability put their stamp so indelibly on the resulting waves of missionary outreach that four centuries later when missionaries at last reached China, the faith they brought to the court of the T'ang emperors was still called the "Syrian religion"⁴⁷ though the Nestorians had long since been expelled from Syria and had found a new church home and base in Persia.

- 45. F.C. Burkitt, <u>Early Christianity outside the Roman Empire</u>. Cambridge, 1899. p. 12
 46. F.C. Burkitt, <u>Early Eastern Christianity</u>. London, 1904. p. 45
- 47. P.Y. Saeki, <u>The Nestorian Documents and Relics in China</u>. Tokyo, 1937. p. 79

It would be tempting to stop here, but there is a less appealing side of the picture which must be mentioned in olosing. As the virtues of the early Syrian Christians of Edessa and Arbela help to explain the incredible achievements of Nestorian missions, so also do its we asses throw light upon the disappearance of that church from the pages of hisory.

Each of its virtues seems to he had an obverse. distorting shadow. Its discipline, for uple, proved all too vulnerable to the warping influence. fanaticism. What began with promise of a community of the committed who covenant with God to save the world, too often ended only as a scattering of unwashed hermits whose only covenant was to give up the world. These were the "encratites", condemned by the west but revered in the east.

Lt is Tatian, the theologian, of Arbela, who is called the father of the encratites. The word means "those who are self-controlled", i.e. the extreme ascetics. There are hints of his renunciation of the world in his <u>Address to the Greeks</u>. The "ignorant soul", without the light of the Logos, he says, "if it continues solitary,... tends downward towards matter, and dies with the flesh," And again, "The perfect God is without flesh; but man is flesh," and sin and death come from the lordship of matter: "Matter desired to exercise lordship over the soul" and "gave laws of death to men"⁴⁸

48. Tatian, <u>Address to the Greeks</u>, in <u>The Ante-Nicene Fathers</u>, <u>op. cit.</u> p. 70 (chap. XIII); p.71 (chap. XV)

He is even more extreme in some of his lost works, but it must be remembered that these survive only in the quotations of his enemies and must be received with caution. It is in these that he is said to have rejected meat, wine and even marriage. Jerome, for example, writes. "Tatian,..the very violent heresiarch of the Encratites, employs argument of this sort: 'If any one sows to the flesh, of the flesh he shall reap corruption;' but he sows to the flesh who is joined to a woman; therefore he who takes a wife and lows in the flesh, of the flesh he shall reap corruption, "⁴⁹

The same tone of abnormal self-denial runs through the <u>Acts of Thomas</u>. Marriage is considered sinful. The opostle is invited to sing at the wedding of a royal princess and sings so persuasively of the "incorruptable and true marriage" which is union with God alone, that the royal bride and groom renounce the joys of married life and consecrate themselves in perpetual virginity to Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom. ⁵⁰

This unbiblical, over-asceticism became the popular model of spirituality in the eastern church. Ascetic monasticism may actually have originated in Syria, rather than in Egypt, as is usually stated, for it was not until 270 A.D. that St. Anthony of Egypt whom Athanasius called "the founder of asceticism" renounced the world, whereas Tatian, the father of the encratites, lived a whole century earlier. The lonely monks of the Syrian desert were even more fanatical than their

 49. Ante-Nicene Fathers, op. cit., p. 82, quoting Jerome's Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians.
 50. Acts of Thomas, op. cit. chap. 4-12 (pp. 366-369).

Egyptian counterparts. They chained themselves to rocks. They bent their bodies under hugs iron weights. They walled themselves up in caves. They set themselves on fire.⁵¹ The first of whem we have record was Atones. Who lived like a wild beast in the caves of Edessa, by the well where Jacob not Rachel. His only food was uncooked grass.⁵² In many s the Eneratites more resembled today's Hindu <u>fakins</u> than Christian saints; so much so, in fact, that one recent scholar traces their wild excesses not to Tatian, but to pagan Indi. through the corrupting influence of Manichaeism.⁵³ Mani, it will e remembered, journeyed from Mesopotamia into India and ek around the year 300 A.D., and Ephrem of Edessa, writing shortly thereafter, denounces him for tringing back "the lie from India".⁵⁴

By the end of the fourth century, the western church had begun to condemn as heretical the more radical sects of the generatites. The west eventually managed to regulate its monasticism. Its monks became its scholars. But in the eastern church the ascetics were too numerous, too powerful, and too popular to be condemned and the church of the east capitulated and made its peace with them.⁵⁵ Too often the saints of the early Asian church were the unwashed, celibate hermits and anchorites living in the caves of the deserts, or on high pillars baking in the sun.

It was a distortion of the gospel that produced this warping of the concept of Christian discipline. What was said

^{51.} See A. Voobus, <u>cp. cit.</u>, passim
52. P. Carrington, <u>The Early Christian Church</u>. Cambridge, 1957. p.212
53. Voobus, <u>op. cit.</u> p. 164 ff.
54. <u>Ibid.</u> p. 167
55. Eans Lietzmann, <u>A History of the Early Church</u>, vol. IV. <u>The Era</u> of the Church Fathers. tr. by B. Lee Woolf(London, 1951), p.169

earlier about the eastern church's fidelity to Christian truth must new, alas, be qualified. It is true that the fundamentals of the faith can all be found in these second century Syrian documents, but it is also true that the second century in Asian Syria produced only two theologians--Tatian and Eardaisan---and of these two, the first was "half Father and half heretic", ⁵⁶ and the other had to be excommunicated.

Tatian has been defended from the attacks of Western opponents, such as Trenzeus, on the grounds that his orientalizing of the Christian faith was no sore of a distortion than their Bellenizing of it,⁵⁷ but it is difficult to support a runnciation of the world so radical that Tatian begins to wonder whether a God who would create the world of matter which is cvil, could really be the supreme God.⁵⁸ Tatian is so repelled by sex, even in marriage, that he doubts whether Adam was really saved, or that Jesus could be a physical descendant of David.⁵⁹

As for Bardesance, it is still a question how far his conversion from philosophic gmosticism was able to "wipe away the filth of the old heresy", as one critic put it.⁶⁰ But he is at least a refre we change from the grim asceticism of Tatian. What Drijw has said about Bardalman and Mani applies as well to the start of contrast between Bardalman and Tatian. "The difference", says Drijvers, "is between an optimistic view of man, and a pessimistic view, between an active fighter against

56. The Ante-Nicene Fathers, op. cit. p. 57. F. Carrington, op. cit. II, p. 164 58. Harnack, op. cit. I, p. 238 59. Ibid. 7. p. 195; Voobas, op. cit., I. p. 30 60. Aytous, op. cit., F. 141 f.

evil and a passive ascetic, between acceptance of existence and longing for salvation".61

Bardaisan (or Bardesanes as he is known in Latin) was an Edessene nobleman, a sportsman, a friend of the King, a poet and philosopher who thoroughly enjoyed the luxuries of his position.⁶² His theology is a theology of freedom, not restraint. God made man free and commands him to do nothing he cannot do. Man's nature is not to do wrong, but to be free. Fate is strong and can disorder nature, but man's liberty forces back and disorders fate itself. 63 Sex is not six but is to be enjoyed. It is, in fact, purifying. It dilutes the amount of darkness in the world. says Bardaisan, 64 and here he comes dangerously close to a more modern Asian heresy, the secret "restoration" doctrine of the Tong'il-kyo, the p'i-ka-rum or blood sharing of "the Rev." Moon Seon-myung. 65

But such a comparison is not fair to Bardaisan. There is nothing unhealthy in his championing of normal human relationships against the abnormalities of the ascetics. His theological weakness lies in another direction: syncretism. His Christology, his sense of sin and his understanding of salvation are all

^{61.} Drijvers, op. cit. p. 226 62. A biography of Bardaisan is to be found in the 12th c. Chronicle of Michael the Syrian. It is translated by F. Nau, Une Biographie Inedite de Bardesane l'Astrologue. Tiree de

l'histoire de Michel le Grand, Patrarche d'Antioche, Paris, 1897 63. Drijvers, op. cit. pp. 77 f., 93, 95, 111. 64. Ibid. p. 226

^{65.} See Yun-Ho Ye, A New Cult in Postwar Korea (Princeton, 1959; mimeo.) p. 40. Tong'il-kyo, which is Kneam for Unification Chunch is known in the West by its full title, Holy Spiril Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

inadequate because they have been deformed to fit an overarching cosmology derived from so many different sources that it is difficult to grasp any one coherent picture of it. Christ is not the great turning point in the cosmic process, for salvation had already begun, long before, at the moment of creation. 66 Out of the Holy Ghost, the Mother, came two daughters, the earth and the sea, and out of the sexual union of the Father and the Mother comes Christ, the Son of Life, 67 who is also the Word of Life, the Logos. This Logos passed through Mary and found lodging in Jesus of Nazareth.⁶⁸ The Father and the Mother (i.e. God the Father and God the Holy Spirit) are also the Sun and the Moon, and the stars, also have mysterious, spiritual power to shape man's fate and limit his freedom. 69 Salvation and freedom come from knowledge, knowledge of the Logos, the Son of Life, the "spirit of preservation", which the Moon receives from the Sun and sends into the world. 70

In this confused and fanciful mixture of astrology, cosmology and theology are the seeds of Bardesanes' downfall. In the end, his keen, inquiring mind--Eurkitt calls him "the only original thinker which the Syriac Church produced"⁷¹--in the end, that mind fell prey to the besetting sin of the syncretist, a willingness to adapt the faith so far that it loses its own Christian identity. Oriental astrology, Greek

| 66. | Drijvers, | op. oit. | p. 1 | 224 | | | | |
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| 67. | Ibid. p. | 147 f. | - | | | | | |
| 68, | Ibid. p. | 220 f. | | | | | | |
| 69. | Ibid. p. | 85 | | | | | | |
| 70. | Ibid. p. | 221 f. | | | | | | |
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philosophy, sub-Christian Gnosticism, Persian magic and Hellenistic science all fought with the Christian faith to find a place within his system of thought. But the Greek and Persian lions did not lie down easily with the Christian lamb, and in the end they destroyed Bardaisan.

Just as Even more serious is the possibility that the popular Christianity of Edessa, the faith of the ordinary believers, was from the beginning oripplingly infected with pagan superstitions, and that the Christian literature of the time rather than condemning it, accommodated itself to it. Bardaisan, at least, was finally charged with heresy, but the magical and mythological fantasies embedded in the <u>Acts of Thomas</u>, for example, which was enormously popular in Edessene Christian circles, were not only tolerated but perhaps encouraged.

At issue is the disputed cult of the Heavenly Twins in Edessa, and the purported adaptations of the St. Thomas missionary tradition to take conscious advantage of its popularity. Two great pillars, fifty feet high, still stand on the citadel in Edessa (now Urfa). It is claimed that they marked a temple of the Dioscuri, the divine twins of the Roman Pantheon, Castor and Pollux, the wonder-working gods of storms and healings and carpenters. The Roman deities may eve have been later substitutes for an older, Asian set of divine twins, the Edessan gods Nebo and Bel.

At any rate it has been charged that when the early missionaries brought the Christian faith to Edessa, instead of trying to abolish the ancient pagan worship, they cunningly substitute for the pagan twins a set of Christian twins. But where would they find twins in the gospels? One was easy to

find, "Thomas, called Didymus" (John 11:16), or "Thomas the Twin". But his twin? This is where a questionable bit of adaptation is said to have occurred. In the <u>Acts of Thomas</u>, the apostle, called Judas Thomas, is the twin of Jesus himself! A demon notes the resemblance. A colt miraculously speaks and addresses him as "Twin of the Messiah". A bride sees the Lord and mistakes him for Thomas, but the Lord replies, "Iam not Judas (Thomas), but I am the brother of Judas".⁷²

If this is indeed not coincidence, $but_A calculated$ attempt to trade on latent superstitions among the people of Edessa, and if this is one reason why the <u>Acts of Thomas</u> was so popular and the Thomas tradition so strong there, it raises serious questions concerning the honesty and methods, if not the motives, of the first waves of Asian evangelists in Syria. It would represent a potentially fatal misuse of the principle of adaptation.

The examples of Bardaisan and the Thomas legends in the days of the Nestorian beginnings are perhaps a foreshadowing

72. Rendel Harris, <u>The Dioscuri in Christian Legends</u> (Lond, & Cambridge, 1903) and <u>The Cult of the Heavenly Twins</u> (Cambridge, 1906) links the cult to Edessa and suggests most forcibly the likelihood of syncretistic adaptation. But J. B. Segal (<u>Edessa</u>, op. cit., p. 27 n.,53) rejects Harris's "elaborate theory" that the columns are to the twin deities. See the lively discussion in Marjorie Strachey's <u>The Fathers Without Theology</u> (N.Y., 1958, p. 71 ff.) for further suggestions that there may have been a pious juggling of traditions.

of what four centuries later may have happened in China, when, as the Oxford scholar, James Legge has observed. the Nestorianism of the missionary frontier allowed itself to be "swamped with Confucian, Taoist and Buddhist ideas" and sank into a "degenerate, nominal" kind of Christianity.⁷³

Such harsh criticism may not be completely justified. After all, the final end of Nestorianism did not come until the conquests of the Persian Mongols, and then it was as much by physical annihilation as by internal decay. Nevertheless, just as the strengths of that early Asian Christianity do much to account for the breadth and rapidity of its expansion, so also its weaknesses may account in some part for its tragic disappearance.

> -- Samuel H. Moffett Seoul. October 1, 1974

73. Quoted in J. Foster, op. cit. p. 112

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Big Changes in 30 Years Korea Now and Then

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By Samuel Hugh Moffett

I was not in Korea in 1945 but the approach of the 30th anniversary of this country's liberation on August 15 reminded me of some documents from that period which I had found in a secondhand bookstore years ago and squirreled away somewhere. A dusty search turned up the handful of faded leaflets on a closet shelf, and as I browsed through them I felt almost as if I had really been there in that chaotic, happy, Alice-in-Wonderlandlike world of Korea when the Japanese surrendered and the Americans landed and the country - at least half of it - was suddenly and unbelievably free.

But what a mixed-up world it was, and what a contrast to Korea today! Who could believe, for example, that the official language of the peninsula for a while was English?

The earliest of the little leaflets is dated Sept. 7, 1945. Yokohama, Japan, over the name of Douglas MacArthur, general of the army of the United States. "Proclamation No. 1," it reads. "'TO THE PEOPLE OF KOREA .. I do hereby proclaim as follows ... Having in mind the long enslavement of the people of Kore: and the determination that in due course Korea shall become free and independent ... the Korean people are assured that the purpose of the occupation is ... to protect them in their personal and religious rights ... All persons will obey promptly my orders ... Your property rights will be respected ... For all purposes during the military control, English will be the official language

Greatness, real or imagined, was suddenly thrust upon some very unlikely people in those first confusing days. Two American navy lieutenants awoke to find themselves fingered for rather a wesome titles. One was made governor of the Bank of Korea. The other, president of Seoul National University. This is how one of the orders read: "Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Korea. Appointment Number 18. 17 October 1945... Lieutenant Alfred Crofts, USNR, is hereby appointed President of Seoul University ... A. V. Arnold, Major General USA, Military Governor of Korea."

An earlier appointment sheet, General Order No. 3 of Sept. 29, listed the cabinet ministers of the hastily formed American Military Government under General Arnold. The language is pure bureaucratese. "General Order Number 1 as amended by General Order Number 2, is superseded and amended to read: The following officers are hereby appointed to the positions indicated: Brigadier General J. R. Sheetz, Deputy

Military Governor of Korea Colonel Brainard F. Prescott, Civil Administrator."

If Koreans were understandably baffled and bewildered by the succession of orders and amendments and counter-orders of their liberators, they were too polite or too happy to say so. And in a surprisingly short time, the American army which had always been

become fewer, and Korean names dominate. Kim Yong-mu, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Chang Yong-kim, vice mayor, Seoul City. Yun Tchi-chang, secretary, Monopoly Bureau. The directors of the Bank of Korea were predominantly Korean and included the name of Paik Too-chin. The real first president of Seoul National University had never been the American naval lieutenant, but Dr. Paik Lak-joon (George Paik, later minister of education and president of Yonsei University). His title in the listings is as misleading as the spelling of his name — Paik Lak Geeow (!) - for though he was officially only dean of the College of Law and Literature, his was the major voice in policy and reorganization.

A familiar American name does appear in appointment number 105: "Robert A. Kinney, Executive Secretary of the National Economic Board." But by then, 1946, a Korean Interim Legislative Assembly had been established, and national identity was reforming after the years of pain.

The country was free, but the times were still out of joint. Cheju-do had four different American governors in three months, August to October, 1946. The economy was in chaos. Some of the leaflets graphically show how the military government struggled to restore economic stability.

"General Notice Number 1 (Oct. 5, 1945), Free Market in Rice" published the good news that farmers were no logner bound by Jupanese price controls and the Japanese state monopoly on rice. Two weeks later General Notice Number 2, "Free Commodity Murket," flung wide the doors to free trade in everything. But such laissez-faire euphoria lasted only a month. By November the General Notices were facing up to economic realities and critical shortages and overeager profiteering. Controls were reimposed; first on coal (Nov. 5), then on fishing equipment and boats (Nov. 24), petroleum products (Dec. 15), and finally on rice (Dec. 19).

There is nothing new therefore about an oil crisis in Korea. But that is one of the few surviving parallels between those days and now. What a difference 30 years have made! Thirty years ago, with an American navy officer presiding over the Bank of Korea, American experts gloomily predicted that there was no viable economic future for an agricultural south Korea cut off from its industrial north. Today Korea boasts one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Thirty years ago Seoul was a directionless provincial town unsure of its own identity and still dazed by its sudden freedom. Today it is the seventh or eighth largest city in the world, the bustling, growing capital of one of the strongest nations in the third world, aggressively determined to defend itself against reconquest.

Thirty years ago Korea was only exchanging Japanese managers for American. But it was only an interlude, moreover, the Americans, from generals to private soldiers, were liberators, not conquerors. And I am rather proud of them, as I am of the Korean people whose heritage and history it is never to be managed for long but always,

Under Saemaul Movement Life of Farmers Improving Rapidly



CHANGING RURAL LANDSCAPE - Regularly arranged paddies and tile-roofed farmhouses are typical of the developing Korean countryside. Farmers are improving their lot under the Saemaul (New Community) Movement'sweeping through the country.

Population Up Sevenfold Since 1945 Seoul Metropolis Modern Now

By Yoo Taek-jin

A six-story department store was the highest building in Seoul 30 years ago when the city's population was 900,000. Today, one block down

across the street from the Shinshin Youngsters Department Store (formerly the Whashin Department Store) stands a 33-floor modern building, the highest in the capital of 6,540,000 population.

One block up Chongno street from the department store, there is another old landmark, the 31-meter-high watch tower of the Chungbu Fire Station. The tower is no longer in use

in the fast growing and sprawling metropolis. Across the street the tower

faces the Hotel Koreana, a 23-Many ambitious students

with 136 square km at the time of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule in 1945. The population density in the sprawling area is 10,500 per square km, against 6,627 three decades ago.

The number of Seoul residents accounts for anproximately 20 per cent of the whole national population and 45.5 per cent of the population of all cities. There will be no only one

answer on the question why the city became so crowded. The decisive factor that helped the capital so crowded is that almost all key administrative, industrial and educational facilities have long been concentrated in the metropolitan area.

to the capital for the sake of their children's education.

Many young uneducated men and women flocked one after another to Seoul without any definite plan in the hope of getting jobs in the capital area, longing for modern

urban life. The rapid concentration of population in Seoul, in addition to the natural metropolitan population growth, gave rise to many serious urban problems in transportation, housing, water

sanitation and others. The excessive and rapid expansion of populace also created severe air and water pollution in the metropolitan area and caused frequent

supply, education, public With a small material incentive, the movement propelled the villagers to embark on various com-munity projects, including one for beautifying the environment. The movement, crimes. still in progress throughout offorte hour

Anniversary Special

By Klm Chang-su

HABONGAM-N1, Kyonggido — An air of prosperity strikes you tirst as you visit this tiny village of 500 people.

some 40km north of Seoul. So you go about the village to determine what made you feel that way and whether the impression was an illusion or not

The village's neat central road is paved with gravel and fenced by tall corn plants on both sides in addition to lush greens growing on rambling fielde

'fall aerials for television sets and long power lines hang over colorful roofs of modest houses

This rural community is surrounded by a setting en-dowed with natural beauty. But you find at the end of the tour that the villagers have turned the hamlet, once ridden by poverty, into a rich area with their enterprising spirit - the spirit embodied the Saemaul Movement.

Choe Yong-gil, village chief, said that the transformation dates back to 1965 when the government provided a loan with which the villagers were able to purchase equipment for irrigation so as to make it the property of the village's cooperative.

Previously, farmers of the village had to pay exorbitantly high taxes for drawing water a , neighborhood from irrigation system into their fields

Choe said that the situation is now different as the farmers have to pay less. What they had paid as taxes are being saved to be used for the ''common good'' of the village, he said.

With the village fund thus accumulated, 70 of the 100 houses in installed electricity in 1972.

The change for development gained a big momentum when the government supplied them with a high-yield rice strain in 1972.

With the new strain, the yield of rice as well as the income of the farmers doubled, Choe recalled.

Choe said, an impetus was provided for the transformation process when the government launched the Saemaul Movement in 1971.

Choe said that the villagers' toil was rewarded amply when a 1.500-meter-long embankment was completed to prevent a stream running through the village from flooding the village farms and houses in the rainy season.

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A new village hall added to a revitalizing look of the small town, Choe said.

A more tangible indicator of improvements in the living conditions of the villagers is an increased average income for households. Choe said.

The average yearly income household more than doubled in four years from 396,000 won in 1971 to 812,000 won in 1974.

The villagers as well as the officials expressed optimism that this village will achieve the national goal of 1,400,000 won in yearly income per farm household by 1978.

This village like others is apparently sharing the growing prosperity of national development together with urbanites.

The improved lot of the people at Habongam-ni is only one example of how well Korean farmers are doing these days compared with the past. Until about 10 years ago, farmers in this country suffered from grinding poverty, marked by the "barley hill' hunger in springtime every year. But now, signs of development are visible almost everywhere in the countryside.

Production of rice, the principal farm crop, has been increasing at an average rate of three per cent a year to reach a record high of 30,870,000 sok (4,445,000 tons) last year. Self-sufficiency in rice is now possible. In addition to rice and other food grains. Korean farmers raise cash crops, livestock and silkworms to increase their income.

As a result, their earnings climbed by an average of 22.6 per cent a year in the last several years to 583,000 won per household in 1973. • Farming methods have also

improved. Instead of manual or ox-pulled plows, some farmers now use power tillers, and even small tractors.

Irrigation systems have been expanded to cover 84 per cent of the nation's rice paddies. The ratio was only 50 per cent in 1960.

Betterment of living con ditions in the villages is also remarkable. Most farmhouses now have tile or slate roofs replacing the traditional

more ready to fight than govern, anyway, irrepressibly, to recover and reassert their began to build up a genuinely Korean in- own proud independence and identity. frastructure of administration, as the appointment leaflets clearly show. Beginning in October 1945, Western names way in 30 years!

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FOREIGNER'S ESSAY

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MISSIONARIES CONTRIBUTED TO KOREA

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On March 1, 1919, when the greatest uprising against the atrocious Japanese colonialists broke out, foreign Christian missionaries, close though they were to the Korean people, had no advance knowledge of the protests. Consequently the first reaction on the part of the missionaries was surprised non-participation. However, the second stage of reaction was immediate sympathy. The missionaries were outraged by the brutality of the colonialists. Within a week missionaries were actively seeking to publicize the protests abroad.

Finally, by the end of April, the first official but still private statement of organized missionary support for the protests was issued and circulated abroad. The Korean independence movement found in this quick sequence of events and reactions its strongest and most effective source of foreign support: the community of Western missionaries in Korea.

Though the basic stance of the foreign missionaries was 'political neutrality,' it was too much to expect that missionaries representing the Gospel of Christ should sit silent, when inhuman atrocities are being inflicted upon a helpless and unresisting people, as was declared in an official paper issued by the Northern Presbyterian, the then largest Protestant mission in Korea. Though never published, the document, entitled "The Present Movement for Korean Independence in its Relation to the Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church," is kept confidential in mission board headquarters in New York.

It was the first, and the most thorough statement of an organized missionary attitude toward the Independence Movement to emanate from Korea. The statement begins with a sketch of the historical background of the Japanese annexation, noting a Korean resistance movement from 1907 to 1919 that cost 21,000 Korean lives and 1,300 Japanese.

No right-thinking Japanese, Christian or non-Christian, would endure the Japanese brutality. If reporting to the world the brutal inhumanity with which the revolt in this country is being suppressed is a breach of neutrality, then the missionaries have laid themselves upon to the charge.

Even through the harsh Japanese censorship, there were also remarkable individual efforts by many missionaries 'to let the world know what was actually happening on the Korean peninsula.'

Under a headline reading, "The Korean Revolt — authentic stories from missionaries," the Peking and Tientsin Times said in its March 15, 1919 issue: "A missionary writes from Sensen, Korea as follows — In this letter let me tell you some ling of the independence movement in Korea, its cause, character, aim and hope. The cause of this movement lies in the 10 years of oppression and cruel treatment which these people have suffered from their ruthless conquerors.

The Independence Movement in its character is most wonderful. It is a peaceful manifestation of the thoughts of the people. The people have no arms, and where the Christians have been in the majority, in almost every instance, they have submitted to arrest and cruel beating without opposition ... Their aim is by peaceful means to let the world know that they are unhappy under i fapan the they wish their condition channed."

Moreover, the missionaries explicity rejected the strenuous efforts of the Japanese authorities to persuade the missionaries to side with the colonial government and use their influence direct and indirect for the suppression of the revolt.

SPORTS

National Athletic Contest Over

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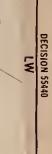
The 56th National Sports Games were held at the Taegu Municipal Stadium for six days beginning October 7. The annual sports event was more meaningful this year as it take place in a year marking the 30th anniversary of the national liberation.

The opening ceremony, which started with the 12,000 participants marching into the stadium, was attended by Premier Kim Jongpil, Democratic Republican Party Chairman Rhee Hyo Sang, Education Minister Yu Kee-chun, a number of other dignitaries and some 35,000 spectators. The participating athletes represented the 13 provinces and special cities, and the communities of Korean residents in Japan, the United States, and West Germany.



Contestants pit their strength and skiil against each other in the student division of wrestling.

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What Is Our Hope?

OCTOBER 1975

by Billy Graham

A radio commentator wrote to me recently, "Billy, I listen to your preaching, and you know, you're too discouraging. Give us a little hope." Well, I am a bit like Jeremiah, who watched the deterioration of his country over a period of 40 years. He saw Israel captured and Jerusalem destroyed, and today he is called the "weeping prophet." As I look at the world scene I do not see much hope for permanent peace. I too weep. Some experts say the only hope of the future will be regimentation on a worldwide scale such as we see in the People's Republic of China today. That sounds very much like Antichrist, a world dictator who will control the government from a central office. I don't even see much religious hope. You might ask, "What do you mean? I thought that was the hope!" No, that is a misreading of the Bible. The whole world will not be converted to faith in Jesus Christ. Our task according to Scripture is to call out a people for his Name, to be the body of the Lord Jesus

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EDITORIAL

Let's Stop Playing Church

ike hundreds of other Christian people, your editor dutifully went to his church convention this year after being elected a "commissioner." He raised his hand innumerable times to vote on great and small issues; spoke his mind; then col-lected his per diem at the close and flew back home to his typewriter.

It was a privilege to play a role in the govern-ment of a great church. Evangelical Christians are frequently accused of being antichurch, but it isn't so. We work hard at the business of being good churchmen and churchwomen. We love our churches; we want to see them strong for the Lord and a blessing to humanity. That is why we teach Sunday School classes, attend prayer meetings, support our pastors, give to missions, and serve on committees when we would rather be at home.

Now after a week of exposure to large-scale church machinery, your editor has mixed reac-tions about the end product of it all. He feels he

has had a splendid lesson in parliamentary procedure, but that somehow the Gospel of Jesus Christ got lost in the national agenda. The official delegates seemed to spend much of their time simply putting out fires.

As we understand the Good News of Jesus Christ, it concerns the mercy and love of God, the atoning death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, the victory over death at the empty tomb, the new birth, the renewing and regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, and the winning of souls to the Kingdom through saving faith. But many church conventions today are dealing instead with dwindling church membership, loss of congrega-tions, dropping Sunday School enrollments, and cutting back of staff to balance reduced budgets.

For Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit and who are eager to redeem the time by reaching others for Christ, the loss of momentum is a cause for genuine sorrow. When we see our churches devolving into middle-class clubs or politically oriented social agencies with no solid Gospel content or clear spiritual message, we are hurt. Sometimes we voice a protest, but most of the time we just suffer. Listen! It doesn't have to be that way.

Across our desk recently came a letter from a Mississippi pastor who attended the School of Evangelism held during the Graham Crusade in Jackson last May. The pastor described himself as an "unprofitable servant" in a "poverty-strick-en situation," adding that people "have come to and gone from my church without any impression whatsoever." But in Jackson some fellow pastors prayed for him, and he came into the will of God. In turn he prayed that the Lord would "restore

the years that the locusts have eaten."

According to this pastor, something has hap-pened in his church. He is now excited about prayer meetings and about his personal prayer life. A group of ministers is gathering in his study on Monday mornings for prayer, "expecting the Lord to do something." He is letting the church officers say good-bye to people at the close of the Sunday service, while he invites those who wish to, to come to his study for prayer. "Last Sunday three people came; all of it is a breath of heavenly air."

Compare that church with another church reported to us in which the minister yawned while preaching his own Sunday morning sermon.

The lesson we absorbed at the church convention is that we Christians are easily diverted from doing God's will. Satan can conjure up any number of minor issues to keep us preoccupied and unable to come to grips with the plain commandment of Scripture. One denomination is spending four times as much money publishing its minutes as it is on evangelism.

Brothers and sisters, let's cut out all this timewasting, Let's stop playing church and get on with the Great Commission. If an issue directly affects our spreading the Gospel, let's deal with it; if not, let's lay it on the table and take up the next item of business.

But beyond that, why not propose at the next convention a substitute motion to end all substitute motions: that we go into an executive prayer session and ask the Lord to do something exciting in our churches, as he did in that church in Mississippi? Perhaps we, too, will be given a breath of heavenly air, if not a mighty rushing wind.

by DONALD COGGAN



This is one of the most abused words in our Christian vocabulary. We regard it as little more than a full-stop to a prayer. We accord it but little meaning. We use it as a mere breathing-space in which we can ask ourselves, "What comes next in the liturgical menu?"

But "Amen" is a great word, strong and powerful. It is a word of asseveration. It puts into two brief syllables the meditative gladness of a great assent — "so be it!

Sometimes it should be shouted - how wonderful to have a share in the divine plan, in God's strategy for his world and his church!"Amen; so be it! By his mercy, he and I are in on this together!"

Sometimes it should be deliberately whispered. The way of the cross is costly. It will hurt. But, "Amen; so be it! He calls. I follow - even unto death." Amen is assent, and assent involves sacrifice.

The biographer of Studdert Kennedy, in trying to assess his attitude to prayer, writes, "True prayer, when it is that kind which asks, is for courage to endure, never for permission to survive."* That is to say "Amen" from a full heart. "It is finished" was our Lord's "Amen" to the Father's will. He who was the Amen thus said his "Amen" – Finished! Fulfilled!

*In 'Woodbine Willie; by William Purcell

The most Reverend Frederick Donald Coggan, D.D., is Archbishop of Canterbury, "primate of all England," and spiritual leader of the Anglican Church worldwide. This passage is taken by permission from his book, "The Prayers of the New Testament," published by Harper & Row, New York, 1967.

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On January 4, 1909, an English scholar, Dr. J. Rendel Harris, began examining some torn and stained papers that had been lying on his shelf for two years. He had brought them back from the 'neighborhood of the Tigris' Valley in Syria. Among them he found, to his astonishment, a nearly complete 16th-century Syriac manu-script of the 'Odes of Solomon', a lost apocryphal writing well known to Christian scholars in the first centuries.

These 42 odes, or songs, were apparently the work of a Jewish Christian writer living perhaps in Antioch late in the first century A.D. He has been described as 'a songwriting poetic genius of the first order'. Except for fragments, the odes had been lost for well over a thousand years. Because each over a thousand expression 'Hallelujah', scholars believe that the collection may be, apart from the Psalter, the earliest hymbook of the Christian community. Christian community. DECISION is honored to introduce to

its readers nine selections from the 'Odes of Solomon'. They will be recognized as authentically 'Biblical' in spirit and tone, even though not composed by Solomon. We hope some young Christians will be captured by their beauty and will set them to music. Read, and let your heart be uplifted! - ED.

ODE THREE

I should not have known how to love the Lord if he had not loved me for who is able to grasp the meaning of love except the one that is loved? I love the Beloved and my soul loves him and where his rest is there also am l and I shall be no stranger for with the Lord most high and merciful there is no keeping back I have been united with him for the Lover has found the beloved and because I shall love him that is the Son I shall become a son for he that is united to him who never dies will also himself become immortal and he who has pleasure in the Living One will become alive. This is the Spirit of the Lord who does not lie who teaches the sons of men to know his ways. Be wise and understanding and vigilant. Hallelujah. **ODE EIGHT**

Open, open your hearts to the exultation of the Lord and let your love be multiplied from the heart and even to the lips to bring forth fruit to the Lord living, holy and to speak with watchfulness in his light. Rise up and stand erect you who sometimes were brought low. Speak out you who were in silence now that your mouth has been opened. Be lifted up you who were despised for your Righteousness has been lifted up! The right hand of the Lord is with you and he will be your Helper and peace was prepared for you before your war ever was. Hear the Word of truth and receive the knowledge of the Most High. Keep my secret you who are kept by it

keep my faith

you who are kept by it understand my knowledge you who know me in truth love me with affection you who love. I do not turn away my face from them that are mine for I know them and before they came into being I took knowledge of them and on their faces I set my seal. Hallelujah.

ODE TEN The Lord has directed my mouth by his Word and he has opened my heart to his light and he has caused to dwell in me his immortal life. He gave me that I might speak the fruit of his peace to convert the souls of them who are willing to come to him and to lead into freedom those who are captive. I was strengthened and made mighty and took the world captive and it became to me for the praise of the Most High and of God my Father. Hallelujah.

ODE ELEVEN

My heart was circumcised and its flower appeared and Grace sprang up in it and it brought forth fruit to the Lord for the Most High circumcised me by his Holy Spirit and searched my affection toward him and filled me with his love. His circumcising became my salvation and I ran in the Way in his peace in the Way of truth. l received his knowledge and was established upon the rock of truth where he had set me. Speaking waters touched my lips from the fountain of the Lord and copiously I drank and was intoxicated with the living water that does not die. My intoxication was not without knowledge but I forsook pride and turned to the Most High my God. I was enriched by his bounty and turned away from the foolishness that overlay the earth stripped it off and cast it from me. The Lord renewed me in his garment and possessed me by his light. The Lord was like the sun shining on the face of the land. He lightened my eyes and my face received the dew and my breath was refreshed by the pleasant fragrance of the Lord and he carried me into his Paradise where is abundance of the pleasure of the Lord and I worshiped the Lord on account of his glory and I said, Blessed, O Lord, are they who are planted in your land and those who have a place in your Paradise who grow according to the growth of your trees and have changed from darkness to light. Glory be to you, O God. Hallelujah. ODE TWELVE

He has filled me with words of truth that I may proclaim him and his knowledge he has caused to abound in me because the mouth of the Lord

and the entrance of his light. The Most High has given him to his generations they are the interpreters of his beauty the narrators of his glory the confessors of his purpose the preachers of his mind and the teachers of his works for the swiftness of his Word is beyond telling and so is his sharpness while his course is illimitable. He never falls but stands sure for he is the light and dawning of thought and by him the generations speak to one another and those who were silent acquired speech. From him came love and equality and they communicated one to another that which was theirs. They were justified by the Word and they knew him who made them because they were in harmony. The mouth of the Most High spoke to them and his exposition took its course through him for the dwelling place of the Word is man and his truth is love. Blessed are they who by means of him have known the Lord in his truth. Hallelujah.

ODE FOURTEEN

is the true Word

As the eyes of a son to his father so are my eyes, O Lord, at all times toward you for with you is my delight. Turn not away your mercies from me, Lord, and take not your kindness from me. Stretch out to me your right hand, Lord, and be my guide even to the end and be my guide even to the end according to your good pleasure. Let me be well-pleasing before you because of your glory and because of your Name let me be saved from the evil one. Let your gentleness abide with me, Lord, and the fruits of your love. Teach me the melodies of your truth that I may bring forth fruit in you and open to me the harp of your Holy Spirit that with every note I may praise you Lord. According to the multitude of your tender mercies so give to me. Hasten to grant our petitions or you are sufficient for all our needs Hallelujah.

ODE EIFTEEN²

Hallelujah.

As the sun is the joy to those who long for its daybreak so is my joy the Lord because he is my Sun and his rays have lifted me up and his light has dispelled all darkness from my face. In him I have been given eyes to see his holy day. Ears have become mine and I have heard his truth. The thought of knowledge has been mine and I have been delighted through him. The way of error I have left and have walked toward him and have received salvation from him with a free and open heart. According to his generosity he gave to me and according to his excellent beauty he made me. I have put on incorruption through his Name and have put off corruption by his Grace. Death has been destroyed before my face and Sheol has been abolished at my Word. Eternal life has arisen in the Lord's land and it has been made known to his faithful ones and has been given without stint to all those who trust in him.

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by SAMUEL HUGH MOFFETT

The Great Evangelist

God has the message. He does the inviting. We are only doorkeepers

Y ou can't be an evangelist, you say? "All right," says God. "I'll settle for that. Just be a doorkeeper. I'll be the evangelist." Will you settle for that?

Christians who heed the Word of God and obey it discover this secret: we are not really the evangelists after New Testament word evangel did to the Anglo-Saxons. Today's word is not evangel, nor even gospel; for modern man the word is good news. Any definition of the Gospel must

encompass three key proclamations, all of which are found in Scripture: the apostolic, the Messianic, and the angelic.

The apostolic evangel was the message that the early church carried to the world. The Apos-tle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel."¹ But why wasn't he? Was not the Gospel a ridiculous thing for a Roman to be preach-ing — full of non-sense about love, meekness, humil-ity, and turning the other cheek, and about a god who died like a criminal? It was rubbish suitable for slaves or women, not for world - conquer-ing Romans. Such was Rome's atti-tude — self-sufficient and power-ful. Rome's stan-dard was the eagle; its symbols were the axe and the short sword, not the cross. Rome wanted victory, not sacrifice: power, not meekness.

So Paul stood up and said to Rome, "The good news I have for you is power."² said

And this is the first character-istic of the apostolic evangel: pow-er. There is a dynamic and a movement in the Good News that will not suffer compression or containment. It is precisely because the evangel is first of all power that evangelism can never be equated with the cold, clear transmission of orthodoxy to the unbeliever. The power of the Spirit re-ceived, the power of a personal en-counter with God, this is the good news of the evangel. It is heady stuff.

But the same apostle who was so excited about the power of the Gospel as he begins his Letter to the Ro-mans, goes on to write 12 of the most closely reasoned theological chapters in all of Scripture. Paul was the greatest evangelist in history because he not only had power, he had learning. If the evangelist's message is not true to the facts it is not good news at all, it is only wishful thinking or false propaganda.

A few months after the Commu-nists overran Peking in 1949 they nists overran Peking in 1949 they posted a slogan in huge characters across the walls of a bookstore in Tientsin. It said: "Any fact which is not in accord with revolutionary theory is not a true fact." But for the Christian any preaching which is not Christian any preaching which is not in accord with the facts is not the true evangel. "What the apostles preached," said James S. Stewart, "was neither a philosophy of life nor a theory of radomption. They

a theory of redemption. They preached events. They anchored their Gospel to history."³

The facts Paul chose as his sum-mary of the Good News are the most fundamental facts of all existence: death and life. In Christian symbol-ism they are portrayed by the cross ism they are portrayed by the cross and the crown. Now, where is the Good News in death? As that du-rable Puritan, John Owens, put it 300 years ago, the Good News "is the death of death in the death of Christ."⁴ The hard facts of sin and death are never isolated in the Biblical evangel apart from the love of God, and the deepest proof of that love is that "while we were yet sin-ners, Christ died for us."⁵ The Bible does not dodge the fact that sin causes death, but its spotlight is not

causes death, but its spotlight is not on man's death by sin, but on Christ's death for sin. That is the Good News. The evangelist must, present the facts without apology, but also in love, without condemnation. The late Paul Little tells the story⁶ of an in-toxicated man who traveling on a toxicated man who, traveling on a train, lurched into the seat beside Charles Trumbull, the founder of The Sunday School Times. Spewing profanity and filth, the man offered Trumbull a swallow from his flask. Trumbull inwardly recoiled, and a lesser man might have blasted the stranger for his condition, but in-stead Trumbull politely declined the drink, saying, "No, thank you, but I can see you are a generous man." The other's avon lit we end it can see you are a generous man. The other's eyes lit up and it was the beginning of a conversation that brought him to the Savior. That is evangelism. It communi-cates the Good News which is not

condemnation but salvation. The dynamic of the Gospel is its movement from death to life. It took a miracle wrench the course of history and bring it around from death to life. That was the miracle of the Resurrection. Such is the apostolic evangel: power, and death, and life — the fire, the cross, the crown.

Even earlier than the evangelism of the apostles was the Messianic evangel, or Jesus' evangelistic ministry. There is a significant difference here. Jesus' own evangel as he preached it in the villages of Galilee

preached it in the villages of Galilee focused on an aspect of the Gospel which not all evangelists have recog-nized: the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. This evangel is the affirmation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Theologians tell us that the earliest creed of the church was "Jesus is Lord." Paul said, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit."⁷ The Bible does not give us one creed for evangelicals, "Jesus is Savior," and another for social acti-vists, "Jesus is Lord." The creed of the church and the teaching of Scripvists, "Jesus is Lord." The creed of the church and the teaching of Scrip-ture is that "Jesus is Lord and Sav-ior." In other words, no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," who has not first said, "Jesus is Savior." The Messi-anic evangel calls for commitment both to Christ's Person and to his both to Christ's Person and to his program.

There is, finally, an angelic evan-gcl. Earliest of all proclamations in the New Testament was the evangel of the angels. Luke tells us that the angel declared to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: there is great joy coming to the whole people. Today in the it. you: there is great joy coming to the whole people. Today in the city of David a deliverer has been born to you — the Messiah, the Lord."^s The lost note in most of our evan-gelism is hilarity — a Biblical word. The evangel is a theme for singing, and if we cannot sing it it is not the

and if we cannot sing it, it is not the Gospel. It can be power and fact and ethics and invitation and all the rest; but take the joy out of it, and it does not really grip the heart.

It is as simple as that -It is as simple as that — the Gos-pel. If you cannot preach it, at least sing it. Proclaim it as truly and sim-ply and as earnestly as you can. This world of ours is dying for the kind of happiness which the Good News of the love of God in Christ has the - the Gospower to give.

Romans 1 16. (2) Cf. Romans 1:4, 16. (3) From "Thine the Kingdom," by James S. Stewart, Charles Scribner's nes, New York. (4) From "The Death of Oeath," by John ren. (5) Romans 5:8. (6) In "How to Give Away You h," by Paul E. Little, © 1966 by Inter-Varsity Press, reago. (7) Cf. 1 Corinthians 12:3. (8) Luke 2. (0-11. NEB

Samuel and Eileen Moffett in the garden of their home in Seoul, Korea all. God is. The Great Evangelist is

with us, and in us, and for us. Our task is to open the door a little so that men can go in and find him.

Evangelism means preaching the Gospel, and the word "gospel" has a nice, pious ring to it, but we forget that it probably means as little to the average person today as the Greek

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Dialogue 'This straight-looking, establishment-type man was shaking my hand, me, the freaked-out, antiestablishment hippie'

• In 1971 I was a drug-using dropout from North-western University. During your Chicago Cru-sade I came forward at the invitation and prayed for the Lord to save me, even though I personally didn't feel bad about my ungodly practices. I also asked that he forgive me my sins (I could intellectually conceive of them, but not personally feel them), and that he make himself known to me in a personal way.

I was expecting a lightning bolt from heaven to knock me to the ground, and for God to put me through a mental breakdown so that he could straighten out my mind and use it for his glory. Needless to say he did not do that. I began to feel quite disappointed, and also somewhat scared at the thought that this "God thing" might really turn out to be a hoax after all.

At that instant a middle-aged, short-haired, suit-wearing, Bible-carrying counselor came up to me, put a Jesus sticker on my shirt, shook my hand and said, "God bless you, man." This straight-looking, establishment-type man was shaking my hand, me, the freaked-out, antiestablishment hippie. The love of God was coming through him to show me that Jesus loves me regardless of how I

dress or view society. That simple act hit me and I suddenly realized the simplicity of God's salvation. He didn't want to put me through the pain of a mental breakdown. All he wanted me to do was receive his Son, which I had just done. I suddenly sensed an overwhelming feeling of peace and purity. This was the love of God, and it has remained with me over the past four years. Praise God!

Chillicothe, Illinois

 Although I came to Jesus when I was ten years old, I am now fourteen and things have changed. More temptations have arisen and my growth as a Christian has been stunted. But tonight I couldn't get a court at the tennis courts so I came home and listened to your TV program. Your message got to me. I realize now that I hadn't been depending on Jesus completely, that I should rely only on the Lord and submit to his will. Praise God for your New Mexico Crusade.

- JENNY FISHER Birmingham, Alabama

• In your March issue a 12-year-old boy writes from Brazil: "I never did convert myself until you came to Rio." Since I too grew up as a mission-aries' daughter and speak the language of Brazil, it is clear to me what had happened: he simply expressed himself as is done in Portuguese when using a reflective very such as me account the using a reflective verb such as me converti. Christians in Brazil use this expression often, and it is not meant to be taken literally. It is understood that it is Jesus who does the "converting.

— (MRS.) ANNE BRALY Irving, Texas

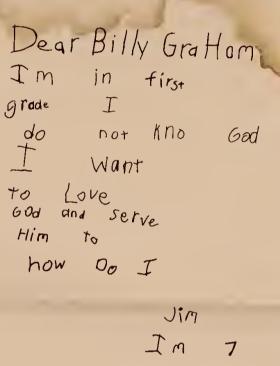
• When my parents were divorced, I used the oc-casion to go on liquor and drugs. I became an adulteress at the age of 15. A suicide attempt through sleeping pills simply caused me to sleep for three days. Being constantly tormented in my mind, I went to my mother and begged her to commit me to a mental institution. She refused to do it until after I had read the book The Jesus Generation.

I took the book to bed with me and cried out, "If there is a God, help me!" That night I met Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and found peace. Jesus picked this wretched mind and body out of the gutter, cleansed it, and gave it life. I praise God for my mother's loving prayers and for that book.

0. J. Kirkland, Washington

 My mother taught me to pray for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association when I was only four years old and now I am 22. Four weeks ago I accepted Jesus into my life and I cannot tell you how much inspiration your magazine has been to me. Praise be to the Lord for all your wonderful work for him.

ANNE MACSWEEN Glasgow, Scotland



Phoenix, Arizona

Jim, your desire to know God is a big step on the way to finding him. We suggest that you talk to your Sunday School teacher and your pastor right away. Show them this letter. We shall pray for you. God bless you.—ED.

• While my car was being repaired, I was sitting in a waiting room watching my two-year-old play. I was feeling heavier than lead, full of despair. The events leading up to my miserable frame of mind were the "typical" problems — years of liv-ing a heathen life, adultery and lying. I felt buried

under all the situations I had created for myself. At this point I was even considering giving up completely, right down to abandoning my husband and son and just running away to some place

far off where no one knew me, to "start over." During a long wait in that room I began leafing through the various magazines. Then I saw a copy of DECISION. Years ago, before I was married and before I lost my morals altogether, I had sub-scribed to it. While I was not reborn at that time, I was interested.

I was interested. I don't think I read any particular article, but all of a sudden I felt as if a flash of lightning had hit me. A sudden clear, simple "there-all-the-time" answer actually struck my entire being. All at once I knew. I knew without a doubt, with no uncertainty, no questions, that I needed God desperately

After I had confessed my sins and turned from my former way of life, I was as light as air. The next day I went to church, happier than anyone can imagine. Every day I thank him, every day I ask him to help. I know I have been reborn. It's amazing how one can be so sure.

> - (MRS.) N.J. Lakeland, Florida

• It is a pleasure to tell how your ministry has blessed me. Life started on a downhill slide when my father passed away. It was hard to believe what was happening. I snapped and went into a make-believe world, began lying, taking drugs and hurting people for no reason at all.

I didn't know anything about God-had heard his name, that's about it. One day as I was driving and listening to the radio something made me switch stations. You came on preaching. Your message was powerful and it seemed as if I was the one you were talking to. I started to cry, so I pulled the car off the road and just sat there weep-ing and faciling guilt for what I had done G ing and feeling guilt for what I had done. God was trying to help me but I would not listen.

Not that night, but two years later by the Grace of God, I was converted at a meeting in Hamilton. God has called me to preach and I am now study-ing his Word in a good school.

- P. R. L. Fairfield, Ohio

 Thank you for your message from Albuquerque, New Mexico. It helped me through a difficult evening during which I made things right with a co-worker and with God.

— R. B. Medicine Lodge, Kansas

Some time ago I went to see the movie Time to Run and at that time I accepted the invitation to go forward. I gave my heart to Christ that night. Since then my husband has received the Lord Jesus as his Savior and I can't explain how our lives have changed. Our home is such a happy place now. Thank you.

- MRS. CHARLES HORN Albany, Illinois

A new soul came to know Jesus after your sermon "Time Is Short" [DECISION, February, 1975] was read to him. He is now on fire for Christ. We praise God for you.

> - DENNIS QUEEN Union City, Pennsylvania





Christ. In each generation that body will be a minority, and today we are a shrinking minority.

Great revivals have taken place in parts of the world in recent years, in Korea, Latin America, Indonesia and Africa, in the Solomon Islands and elsewhere, but the whole world is not turning to Christ. Some day that will happen, and every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords; but for the present no such trend is evident.

My reason for preaching the Gospel is not to try to save this perishing world in which we live. It has built its civilization on the cracked foundation of human sin and iniquity. It cannot be preserved by any actions of the United Nations. We are told to do all we can for the cause of world peace, and to preserve the best qualities in life whether in the East or the West - "Blessed are the peacemakers" --- but while we might patch things up for a generation, we will never succeed totally. In the end we are headed for world judgment in which there will be tribulation and the appearance of the Antichrist. But when humanity stands at Armageddon and the race is ready to destroy itself, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back. The situation is hopeless, yet there is hope. I have read the last page of the Bible and I know it's going to come out all right.

'Just Live It (Jp'

Many people are trying to escape the despairing conditions in which we live: the energy crisis, the crumbling of Southeast Asia, the recession, the continuing racial confrontation, the Mideast impasse. They spend hours in front of their television sets, many of them just daydreaming, pretending that nothing is going to happen. Some are giving way to evil imaginations as in the days of Noah. For them Satan turns himself into an angel of light and says, "Just live it up and have a good time and forget it all."

There is the escape into pleasure, a flight into desire, passion, and the fulfilment of physical appetites. Millions are drowning their troubles in alcohol; others are swapping wives, and indulging in unbelievable activities, saying, "The world is in such a mess, I intend to have my good time while I can get it." But the Bible warns against the deceitfulness of pleasure. John Steinbeck once wrote to Adlai Stevenson, "If I wanted to destroy a nation I would give it too much and I would have it on its knees, miserable, greedy and sick. That's where America is right now."

The Britishers are famous for "muddling through," but this time they may become stuck in the mud; things are that serious. There is an effort on the part of many however to escape into a false security. Millions of Americans still believe that Utopia is lying ahead, and everything will eventually work out. But James tells us in his Letter, "Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you."¹ Real joy and peace seem to be disappearing. People are afraid to walk on the streets at night. A senator's wife is quoted as saying, "Dear God, where has all the happiness gone?"

There Is No Suicide

The final escape is suicide. A late report indicates that suicides in America among persons under 19 years of age have doubled in the past two years. But let me tell you right now that you cannot commit suicide. You can kill only the body; the soul — the real you — will live on forever. One reason people take their lives is that they have guilt feelings. Four times as many divorced men commit suicide as do married men. That suggests that if you have been divorced, your chances of happiness are smaller, while the chances of your committing suicide are four times greater.

Where is the hope? Sir Winston Churchill once remarked, "Our problems are beyond us, there is no way out." People are looking for the perfect politician, the perfect businessman, the perfect labor union leader, but they are not to be found. In society we have to deal with human nature as it is. The Letter to the Hebrews asks, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"² What is our hope?

The fate of humanity is dependent, I believe, on its supply of hope. What oxygen is for the lungs, such is hope for the meaning of human life. If we ever lose our hope, whether we are young or old, we are finished. A famous cardiologist said the other day, "Hope-is the medicine I use most of all. When a person has had a heart attack, I immediately try to give him hope."

Where My Hope Is

Are you placing your hope in your country's government? In its educational system? In some plan or organization? In some treaty? Let me tell you where my hope is today. My hope is in a Person, a Man, who sits at the right hand of God: the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament tells us that God has given him all authority in heaven and on earth. He came to dwell with us and to die on the cross for us, and because of that death and that atonement, I am saved.

I have been a failure in my life, a sinner. I have broken God's Law and deserve judgment and hell. But because of Jesus Christ, I have escaped. I have hope and know that I am going to heaven. And right here and now in this present life I have God's presence to help me. Do you have that hope? Are you a Christian?

During the past two years we buried my fatherin-law and mother-in-law, two of the greatest Christians I have ever known. Their bodies lie in a grave on the side of a mountain by a little Presbyterian church in North Carolina. But one day those graves will burst open and they will be raised from the dead. The Apostle Paul said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."³ He speaks of the hope of the resurrection. Today Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Bell are together again. They are together in spirit in heaven, in the presence of Christ, awaiting the resurrection when the spirit will rejoin the body.

Not only does the Christian have the hope of the resurrection, he has the hope of righteousness. Paul writes to the Galatians, "We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."⁴ "Righteousness" here is the same Greek word that is elsewhere translated "justification." It means that God says to us from the cross, "I love you, and I'm willing to forgive every sin you have ever committed."

God Forgives and Forgets

Suppose someone does something against me, and I say to him, "I forgive you, but I can never forget what you did to me." God doesn't operate that way. God forgives and forgets, and he justifies us just as though we had never committed a sin. He can't even remember it. It's incredible, but that's what happens and it gives us the hope of righteousness. When God looks at me he doesn't see the old, evil, bad heart of Billy Graham, he sees Jesus who lives in my heart. And he says, "Because of Jesus, you're forgiven. You're clothed in his righteousness." There is hope. Then finally, there is hope of eternal life, when

we will live forever with him. With that is the hope of the return of Jesus Christ, which Paul describes as the "blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."⁵ The New Testament is an exciting book to read, it is so full of hope and expectancy.

Have you ever been separated from someone you love? A boyfriend or girlfriend whom you have not seen in three or four months? Wait until you see each other! My wife and I have said a lot of good-byes to each other, but when we meet, it's a honeymoon all over again. And that is what it will be like on that glorious day when Jesus Christ comes. We will be caught up in the air to meet him, and it will be like two lovers coming together. What hope we have!

Suppose we had no Bible. Suppose there were no cross, no salvation, no empty tomb. Suppose we had nothing to hang onto except, "Do your best, try to patch it up, do what you can." Ah, but we have a hope. There is a plan of redemption, a plan for the future, and God is interested in you. Perhaps you have joined a church; perhaps you received Christ as Savior when you were a boy or a girl, but that was as far as it went. You have no personal relationship with him. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"²

Jesus demands first place in your life. He demands that he be Lord and Master of your whole being. I am asking you right now to claim your hope in Christ, by a simple act of faith in him.

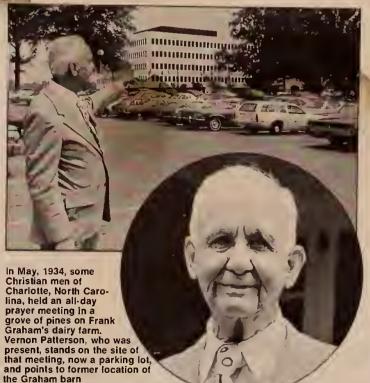
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The Prayer Heard Round the World from page 3

sat on chairs, benches, and even on boxes outside the building. The unpainted pulpit stood on a bareplanked wooden platform. Sawdust carpeted the aisles. But God was there, and people were being saved. As Billy Graham sat with Albert McMakin and Grady Wilson in the choir that night, they joined in singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Then the evangelist began, and his first words were, "There's a great sinner in this place tonight." Billy wondered, "Has Mother been telling him about me?"

At the close of the message the choir — in shirt sleeves and white dresses — began to sing "Just As I Am, Without One Plea." Billy turned to Grady and said what thousands of people since have said in his Crusades: "I'm going." Said Grady, "I'll go with you." The two young men, 16 and 15 years old, climbed down from the choir and made their way to the front to confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Truly God, in answer to prayer, has worked in marvelous ways far beyond anything we could ask or think. To him be the glory through Christ Jesus forever!



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THE KOREA HERALD, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Independence Symposium Told Koue Hereld Sept. 27, 1975 lissionaries Aided Korea Freedom

By Lee Kyong-hul

On March I, 1919, when the greatest uprising against the atrocious Japanese colonialism broke out, foreign Christian missionaries, close though they were to the Korean people, had no ad-vance knowledge of the vance knowledge of the protests. Consequently the first reaction on the part of the missionaries was surprised nonparticipation. However, the second stage of reaction was immediate sympathy. The missionaries were were outraged by the brutality of the colonialists. Within a week missionaries were actively seeking to publicize ' the protests abroad.

protests abroad. "'Finally, by the end of April," Dr. Samuel H. Moffett, associate president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, noted, "the first official but still private statement of organized missionary support for the protests was issued and cir-culated abroad." Thus, Moffett claimed, the Korean independence movement independence movement found in this quick sequence of events and reactions its strongest and most effective source of foreign support: the community of Western missionaries in Korea.

Nationalist Movement

The American missionary, who was born in Korea to Samuel A: Moffet, a noted Christian missionary in the early stage of introduction of the religion to Korea, made the assertion Thursday on the closing day of a four-day symposium on the independence movement by Koreans during the 35-year Japanese occupation (1910-1945) at the Tower Hotel. The symposium was organized by the Independence Movement History Compilation Committee

Two other foreign scholars delivered their viewpoints on the Korean nationalist movement. They were Takeshi Hatada, an honorary professor at Tokyo University, and Hsiao Chi-tzung, com-missioner of the Historic Commission of the Central Committee, Kuomintang, of the Republic of China.



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themselves open to the charge,", the report declared.

Japanese censorship, Dr. Moffett observed, there were

also remarkable individual efforts by many missionaries

"to let the world know what was actually happening on the Korean peninsula."

Cause and Character Under a headline reading,

"The Korean Revolt — authentic stories from missionaries," the Peking and

Tientsin Times said in its March 15, 1919 issue: "A missionary writes from Sensen, Korea as follows — In

this letter let me tell you something of the in-dependence movement in

Korea, its cause, character, aim and hope. The cause of

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Though the basic stance of the foreign missionaries was "political neutrality," Dr. Moffett said it was "too much to expect that missionaries representing the Gospel of Christ should sit silent, when inhuman atrocities are being inflicted upon a helpless and unresisting people," as was declared in an official paper resolution in an orderal paper Presbyterian, the then largest Protestant mission in Korea.

Moffett

Though never published, the, document, entitled "The Present Movement for Korean Independence in its Relation to the Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church,'' is kept confidential in mission board headquarters in New York, according to the American missionary.

Moffett explained it was the first, and the most thorough, statement of an organized missionary attitude toward the Independence movement to emanate from Korea. The statement begins with a sketch of the historical background of the Japanese annexation, noting a Korean resistance movement from 1907 to 1919 that cost 21,000 Korean lives and 1,300

Korean lives and 1,300 Japanese. ''No right-thinking Japanese, Christian or non-Christian would endure the Japanese brutality. If reporting to the world the brutal inhumanity with which the revolt in this country is being suppressed be a breach being suppressed be a breach of neutrality, then the missionaries have laid



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this movement lies in the 10 years of oppression and cruel treatment which these people have suffered from their ruthless conquerors.

"The Independence Movement in its character is most wonderful. It is a peaceful manifestation of the thoughts of the people. The people have no arms, and where the Christians have been in the majority, in almost every instance they have submitted to arrest and cruel beating without op-position....Their aim is by peaceful means to let the world know that they are unhappy under the Japanese rule, that they are not given freedom and justice and that they wish their condition changed." "The credit for the great

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nonviolent demonstrations of 1919 belongs to the Korean people alone," Dr. Moffett claimed. However, he em-phatically asserted, "It is clear, that the involvement of foreign missionaries including foreign missionaries including my father was very real, while it was obviously secondary, not primary.'' The missionarles did not simply remain mere spectators and involuntary participants, he added.

Moreover, Moffett noted, the missionaries explicitly rejected the strenuous efforts the Japanese authorities 'to persuade the missionaries to side with the colonial to government and use their influence direct and indirect for the suppression of the revolt."

In the meantime, Hsiaq tzung from the Republi China recalled the Chin cooperation in the Kore nationalistic movement "eve nationalistic movement "evi since Sun Wen got power 1921." The late Chiang K' shek, following the policy Sun, continued to prov military and financial suppo to Korean independenc functore Heigo said fighters, Hsiao said. Prof. Takeshi Hatada, a noted specialist in Korean

history, said he, as a Japanese citizen, could not but fer painful and guilty w^b remembering the year Japanese occupation Korea. Hatada was br Masan, Kyongsang 1 and went to a jur and went to a school in Pusan.

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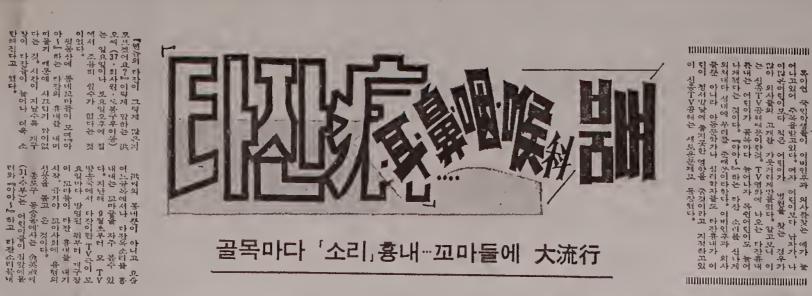


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CHAPTER ONE

THE LIVING GOD

(1) WE BELIEVE IN GOD.

(2) GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR UNDERSTANDING.

(3) GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN IN JESUS CHRIST.

(4) JESUS CHRIST STANDS AT THE CENTER OF A STORY.

(5) GOD IS AT WORK BEYOND OUR STORY.

We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe out always in Christ.

(6) WE ACKNOWLEDGE NO OTHER GOD.

(7) WE PRAISE AND ENJOY GOD.

CHAFTER TWO

THE MAKER AND RULER OF 111.

- (1) GOD CREATES OUT OF LOVE
- (2) GOD SUSTAINS THE COODMEDS OF CHEATION

We struggle to understand the presence of evil in a good world. But we do have some light on how evil happens: Through the working supernatural fitness in the created order, Through the wrong obvices of human beings Through the resulting injustice of social structures. We acknowledge that human dischelience brought the corruption of evil, suffering and death into the world, We affirm that evil is 000's energy as well as ours. In Christ Cod shared out agency over it. He continually works to overcome it. The last work will be Cod's "Victory!" This gives us couvego to endure evil, to learn from its, and combat it.

(3) GOD EAS MADE HUMANEIND PART OF CREATION.

God included human beings among the creatures he made but gave them a personality which reflects His own personhood, so that they might long after Him and so that He might communicate His truth to them.

- (4) GOD HAS MADE HUMAN BEINGS FOR LIFE IN COMMUNITY
- (5) GOD HAS MADE US MALE AND FEMALE

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(6) THE HUMAN RACE HAS REJECTED ITS MAKER

CHAPTER THREE

GOD AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

(1) GOD CHOSE ONE PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL

They had done nothing more than others to deserve the Lord's favor, but they had faith and God loved them and made them His own

(2) GOD DELIVERED HIS PEOPLE

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We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can still be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free.

- (3) GOD BOUND HIMSELF TO HIS PEOPLE IN COVENANT.
- (4) GOD BLESSED AND JUDGED HIS PEOPLE.
- (5) GOD DID NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE.

CHAPTER FOUR

GOD IN CHRIST

(1) GOD SENT THE PROMISED DELIVERER TO HIS PEOPLE.

He came as a child born of woman as is every child, born of God's Spirit as was no other child.

Through his life, death, and resurrection he and he alone initiates the relationship between God and the human race that God alwaye intended.

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(2) JESUS LIVED A TRULY HUMAN LIFE

We recognize in Jesus what God intended humanity to be. He exposes our inhumanities.

- (3) JESUS WAS GOD WITH US.
- (4) JESUS DIED FOR SIMMERS

We are so alienated from our true selves that the presence of a sinless human being threatens us beyond endurance.

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We believe that in the execution of Jesus on the cross

CHAPTER NIVE

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

- (1) THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD ACTIVE IN THE WORLD.
- (2) THE HOLY SPIRIT RENEWED THE COMPUNITY OF FAITH.
- (3) THE HOLY SPIRIT ENLARGED THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS.
- (4) THE SPIRIT HELPED THEM TO GROW IN LIKENESS TO CHRIST.
- (5) THE HOLY SPIRIT EQUIPPED THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.
- (6) THE HOLY SPIRIT UNITIED THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.
- (7) THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FREE.

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(8) THE SPIRIT IS ONE WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON.

We believe with the church through the centuries that God is what he has shown himself to be One God who is Father. Son, and Holy Spirit.

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THE WORD OF COD

- (1) GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN EN HIS WORD.
- (2) JESUS CHRIST THE LIVING MURE OF GOD.
- (3) THE BIBLE IS THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD.

Led by the Spirit of 653 whiters in Israel set down what God had said will love in their midst and how the people but responded These writings were coexished and collected as the holy literature of the people of God. They were the Scripture of the early church from the very beginning.

Led by the same Dyirit, we acknowledge the authority of the Bible. It is the Wort of God as no other word written by human beings.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(1) THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AROSE WITHIN ISRAEL.

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We affirm that God has not rejected his people the Jews, but recoives then as His own through faith in Christ.

- (2) THE CHURCH IS FOUNDED ON JESUS CHRIST.
- THE CHURCH IS MARKED BY THE SPIRIT. (3)
- THE CHURCH LIVES ALONGSIDE OTHER FAITHS. (4)

(onit) We should reject nothing in other faiths that is true, We need to listen with openness and respect to their words to us, but we must always test them by God's Word in Seripture

- (5) THE CHURCH LIVES WITHIN POLITICAL COMMUNITIES.
- (6) THE CHURCH HAS ITS ONGOING STORY WITH GOD.

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION

(1) GOD SENDS THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD.

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship, to witness and to serve.

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

We are sent to sitness to the world by life and by word making known in every way the good news of Jesus Christ.

We serve humankind in the world As the Spirit leads and the love of Christ compells.

We can affirm the Lord is at work in the world in many events and movements, especially these: The proclamation of the good news of Christ's liberating victory and the advancement of justice, compassion and peace through His presence.

(2) GOD SENDS US TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL.

We believe God sends us to tell all humankind

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that Christ intends then to be iree and came to set then free. He brings them out of the power of sin and death Back to life and happiness with God. He frees them by His life in them and His death for them and His victory over death. We must not distort the gospel by watering down its demands. . .

(3) GOD SENDS US TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE.

(4) GOD SENDS US TO EXERCISE COMPASSION.

(5) GOD SENDS US TO WORK FOR PEACE.

We believe God sends us to minister to all on all sides of all wars: the victims, the participants, and those who in conscience refuse to participate; to attack the causes and roots of war; to unmask the idolatry that places national security above all else; to urge all nations to devote to making peace the resources, intelligence, and energy that have gone to making war. We cannot, however, ultimately identify peace with the absence of war There is a peace that can be found even in the midst of war, In times of troubles and persecutions. It is peace with God through Christ who is our peace

CHAPTER NINE

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- (1) GOD CALLS US TO LIVE IN DISCIPLINED FREEDOM.
- (2) PRAYER IS OUR PRIVILEGE AND DUTY.
- (3) WE ARE TO ENJOY AND MANAGE THE.
- (4) WE ARE TO USE AND SHARE THINGS.
- (5) WE ARE TO RELISH AND PURSUE TRUTH.

CHAPTER TEN

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

- (1) GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES AND GIVES US HOPE.
- (2) WE HOPE FOR A NEW WORLD AND A NEW HUMANITY. But we see Jesus as Lord As he stands at the center of our story we believe his return will bring about its end and fulfillment.

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10. A DECLARATION OF FAITH

(PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES)

CHAPTER ONE

THE LIVING GOD

| (1) | WE BELIEVE IN GOD. | 1 |
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| | We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and trust. | 2 3 4 5 6 |
| (2) | GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR UNDERSTANDING. | 7 |
| | Our words cannot adequately way who God is or how he works. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do more than we ask or think. | 8 9 10 11 12 |
| (3) | GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN IN JESUS CHRIST. | 13 |
| | Jesus's involvement in the human condition is God's involvement His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His deman for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love. | 15 |
| (4) | JESUS CHRIST STANDS AT THE CENTER OF A STORY. | 19 |
| (-) | In the biblical story God moves with Israel and the church as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to establish his just and loving rule in the world. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believc. | 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 |
| (5) | GOD IS AT WORK BEYOND OUR STORY. | 28 |
| | We are confident God is not confined to the story we can tell. From the story we know God is active among all peoples. We believe God works beyond_our inagining throughout the universe. | 29 30 31 32 |
| (6) | WE ACKNOWLEDGE NO OTHER GOD. | 33 |
| | We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. | 34 35 36 |
| (7) | WE PRAISE AND ENJOY GOD. | 37 |
| | To serve such a God is perfect freedom. To worship such a God is highest joy. | 38 39 |

CHAPTER TWO

THE MAKER AND RULLER OF ALL

| (1) | GOD CREATES OUR OF LOVE. | 1 |
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| | God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules evcrything out of the love we have come to know in Christ. | 2 3 4 |
| (2) | We affirm that the universe exists because God has chosen to give it reality. God still creates through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ. GOD SUSTAINS THE GOODNESS OF CREATION. God called all he made good. We affirm that the universe of matter, energy, and life | 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 |
| | is God's good creation in all its parts. Therefore we may work and play in it and explore it with wonder and joy. | 19 20 21 22 |
| | We struggle to understand the presence of evil in a good world. It cuts off for many persons the possibilities of full human life It calls in question the power and goodness of God. We have some light on how evil happens: through the working of natural forces in the created order, through the choices of human beings, through the injustice of social structures. But we do not know why things should happen this way in a world made good. We affirm that evil is God's enemy as well as ours. In Christ God shared our agony over it. He works continually to overcome it. The last word will be God's "Good!" This gives us courage to endure evil, to learn from it, and combat it. | 23 26 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 |
| (3) | GOD HAS MADE HUMANKIND PART OF CREATION. | 38 |
| | God included human beings among the creatures he made and charged them the care for other living things. | 39 40 |
| | We acknowledge we are kin to the construction and waters. We are dependent on the systems that muchain all life. Yet God gives us power to rule and take to order and reshape the world. We hold the earth in trust for inture generations of living things. The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy it. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce | 41 42 43 44 45 45 47 47 |

| | in ways that make the world's goodness available to all people and reflect God's love for all ereatures. The Lord bids us use our technical skills for beauty, order, health, and peace. | 49 50 51 52 |
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| (| 4) GOD HAS HADE HUHAN BEINGS FOR LIFE IN CONLUNITY. | 53 |
| | God created human beings with a need for fellowship and the freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with thanksgiving and obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. | 54 55 56 57 |
| | We declare that what makes human beings human is our capacity to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. Even when we abandon our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people, we are still bound to then for our life and well-being and still created for free and responsible fellowship with them. Every human being is made for communion with God and others. Therefore we must treat no one with contempt. We can love all our neighbors and we can love ourselves. | 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 |
| (! | 5) GOD HAS HADE US MALE AND FEMALE | 69 |
| | God nade human beings nale and female for their nutual help and confort and joy. | 70 71 |
| | We hold that the difference between the senes is real and good and God-given. It enriches the whole range of human relationships. It must not serve as a protect for apathy or deceit, for contempt or eruelty, for denying anyone's rights or rewards : or opportunities to develop potential to the full. | 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 |
| | We declare that marriage and family life, while not essential for authentic personhood. are good gifts of God. A loving home should be the birthright of every child. | 79 80 81 82 |
| | We declare that the serual union of human beings, can be a pure, joyous, and potent event. God forbids us to abuse this gift by dominating, hurting, betraying, or using each other. God charges us to make it a sign of deep and lasting commitment. | 83 64 85 86 87 88 |
| | We affirm the value of love and faithfulness and the disaster of lust and faithlessness in all our relationships as nearand women. Whether single, bereaved, divorced, or married, all are members of the hulon family, all are intended for meaningful lives in community with God and neighbor. | 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 |
| (6 | 5) THE HUMAN RACE HAS REJECTED ITS MANER. | 96 |
| | Han and woman broke community with God. | 97 |

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| refusing to trust and obey him. | 98 |
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| Their community with each other was broken | 99 |
| by shanc and alienation, hatred and Lurder, lust and pride. | 100 |
| We confess that in all generations | 101 |
| men and women have rejected God again and again. | 102 |
| At times we seek in pride to become gods: | 103 |
| we deny the good limits that define our humanity, | 104 |
| At other times we draw back in apathy: | 105 |
| we refuse to fulfil our human responsibilities. | 106 |
| The antagonisms between races, nations, and neighbors, | 107 |
| the barriers separating men and women, children and parents, | 108 |
| the estrangement of human boings from the natural order, | 109 |
| are results of our sin anainst God. | 110 |

CHAPTER THREE

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GOD AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

| (1) | GOD CHOSE ONE PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL. | 1 |
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| | To humankind in its rebellion and alienation God promised blessing and restoration. The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants as bearers of that promise for all peoples. They had done nothing more than others to descrve the Lord's favor. but God loved them and made them his own. | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| | We are confident God is still a God of grace. Though we are unworthy the Lord chooses us also to be servants of God for the sake of the world. | 9 10 11 12 |
| (2) | GOD DELIVERED HIS PEOPLE. | 13 |
| | When Abraham's descendants wore slaves in Egypt God heard their cries and prayers. The Lord, remembered his promise and freed them from bondage. | 14 15 16 17 |
| | We declare God's steadfast love and sovercign power. The Lord can still be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free. | 18 19 20 21 |
| (3) | GOD BOUND HINSELF TO HIS PEOPLE IN COVENANT. | 22 |
| | Freed slaves became a nation when they accepted the Lord's covenant. God charged them to respond to his rescuing love by obeying his commandments. Their life together was to express God's justice and compassion. | 23 24 25 26 27 28 |
| | We profess that God remains a holy God. If we, too, are to be the Lord's covenant people, we must be holy as the Lord is holy. We must keep God's commandments, not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor, | 29 30 31 32 33 |

| but to reflect the character of God | 34 |
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| and to be his grateful and loving people. | 35 |
| (4) GOD BLESSED AND JUDGED HIS PEOPLE. | 36 37 |
| The Lord's care sustained them along their way. God gave them a land where they could celebrate his goodness. The Lord established their kingdom under David and promised a ruler from his line to reign in justice and peace. When they worshiped the gods of the land, when they put their trust in military alliances, | 38 39 40 41 42 43 |
| when they put their trust in hirden days detend the poor, when they failed to do justice and oppressed the poor, God sent the prophets to cry our warning and to call the people back to obedience. There were times of repentance and reform, but in the end their kingdoms fell. | 44 45 46 47 48 |
| We are certain God is still a God of goodness and justice. When we forget God and worship the bounty we enjoy, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, God's judgment comes in the upheavals of our time. We have no guarantee that our institutions will survive if we persist in ignoring God's way. | 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 |
| (5) GOD DID NOT FORSAKE HIS PROPLE. | 56 |
| God restored some of them to their land and left others scattered over the earth. In a time of exile and alien rule, the jews survived and multiplied. They enriched all homenhind: they compiled their Scriptures, preserving God's Word to them; they sang their songs of desperation and of praise; they sought wisdom, emaining God's ways in the world; they searched the mysteries of rising and falling kingdoms and hoped for the Kingdom of God. | 5 7 58 59 6 0 6 1 6 2 6 3 64 65 66 |
| We testify that God is a faithful God. Even when we refect God, he does not reject us. The Lord still brings from oppressed and uprooted peoples riches of insight and daring visions that can bless and judge the world. We can hope for God's Kingdom even in the darkest times. | 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 |
| CHAPTER FOUR | |
| GOD IN CHRIST | |
| (1) GOD SENT THE PROMISED DELIVERER TO HIS PEOPLE. | 1 |
| He came as a child born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. He lived as a Jew among Jews, He announced to his people the announced to his people | 2 3 4 5 6 7 |

He came as a child born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. He lived as a Jew along Jews, He announced to his people the coming of God's rule of justice and peace on earth.

| | We believe that the coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his life, death, and resurrection he initiates the relationship between God and the human race that God always intended. | 8 9 10 11 12 |
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| (2) | JESUS LIVED A TRULY HULAN LIFE. | 13 |
| | Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. He prayed. He struggled with temptation. He knew anger. He was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. | 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 |
| | Jesus was also what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. He never asked whether they descrved his friendship. Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to prevent him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself. | 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 |
| | We recognize in Jesus what genuine humanity is. He exposes our failure to be fully human. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him. | 35 56 37 38 |
| (3) 3 | JESUS WAS GOD WITH US. | 39 |
| | Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and dehumanized people; yet he made no use of power to defend himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country; yet he lived among them as a servant. He spoke with authority: he forgave sinners, he challenged time-honored customa and ideas; yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word in his own behalf. | 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 |
| | We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He does what only God ean do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lives as a servant and goes humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God is manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God. God himself with us. -6- | 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 |

| (4) J | ESUS DIED FOR SIMULS. | | 60 |
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| | Law-abiding people were angered because he accepted outcasts and ate with them. Pious sectarians desapproved because he enjoyed life's pleasures. Revolutionaries turned against him because he refused to seize political power. Religious leaders hated him because he criticized their hypoerisy and reproved their neglect of justice and merey. When he claimed to speak and act with God's authority he was charged with blasphemy and sedition. He was condenned, mocked, beaten and crucified as a common criminal. | | 61 62 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 |
| | We confess that in the execution of Jesus the sin of the human race reaches its depths. The only innocent One is condenned and put to death, not by the sinfulness of one nation, but by the sinfulness of us all. We are so alienated from our true selves that the presence of a genuine human being threatens us beyond endurance. We are so estranged from our Creator that when he sends his Son we kill him. | | 74 75 76 77 80 81 82 83 84 |
| | We believe that in the execution of Jesus God achieves and demonstrates once for all the costly forgiveness of our side. Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and humankind. He acts on behalf of sinners as one of us, accepting God's condernation of our sinfulness, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us. He acts on behalf of God as the beloved Son, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself not holding our sins against us. | | 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 |
| (5) -JE | SUS IS OUR LIVING LORD. | | 98 |
| | He was dead and buried but God raised him from the dead. | | 99 100 |
| | We are convinced that Jesus lives. He lives as one of us with God. interceding for our sinful humanity, and bringing his authentic humanity into the innermost life of God himself. He lives as God with us, bringing the personal presence of God into the life of humankind. We declare that Jesus is Lord. | ı | 1 01 1 02 1 03 1 04 1 05 1 06 1 07 1 08 |
| | His resurrection is a decisive victory | | 109 110 |

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| | over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His Lordship is hidden. The people and systems of the world do not acknowledge his rule. But his Lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sourceignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. | 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 |
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| | CHAPTER FIVE | |
| | GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT | |
| (1) | THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD ACTIVE IN THE WORLD. | 1 |
| | By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was born, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church. | 2 3 4 |
| | We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the renewer and perfecter of God's peeple, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. | 5 6 7 |
| (2) | THE HOLY SPIRIT RENEWED THE COLMUNITY OF FAITH. | 8 |
| | Israel did not cease to be God's people. Yet our of Israel a new people was formed. The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. They began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their followship a new quality of common life. | 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 |
| | We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit. | 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 |
| (3) | THE HOLY SPIRIT ENLARGED THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS. | 23 |
| | The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes, and nations to accept the good news and share in the new life. | 24 25 |
| | We testify that teday this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us our of death into life. our of separation into fellowship. The Spirit Lakes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, | 26 27 28 30 31 32 |

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| persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way. In all those things, we are responsible for our decisions But after we have trusted and reported we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to decide. | 35 |
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| (4) THE SPIRIT HELPED THAT TO GROW IN LIKEMESS TO CHRIST | 36 |
| The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect peop The struggle between the line and a society of perfect peop | 37 |
| Yet the Spirit produced among them love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil | severe. 39 |
| We believe the Holy Spirit works today in any growth we make toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what he has begun in us. | 42 43 44 45 46 |
| (5) THE HOLY SPIRIT EQUIPPED THE CHRISTIAN COMPUNITY. | 47 |
| The early Christians recognized as gifts of the Spirit a wide diversity of abilities and functions. They were tempted to use these endowments to serve their own needs and ambitions, to form elite groups who looked down on others. But the gifts were given for the common good, to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. | 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 |
| We are convinced that the Hely Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse talents to believers. We are to use then to spell and elbely plainly. the gospel of Christ in the world, Love is the gift we should descree most of all. | 56*., 57 58 59 60 61 |
| (6) THE HOLY SPIRIT UNIFIED THE CHPISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. | 62 |
| The diversity in the early church was a source of tension and conflicts. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched and strengthened by their differences. | 63 64 65 66 |
| We acknowledge the same Spirit at work among us, not to destroy diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to see the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parities, the loyalties of individuals and traditions that separate and divide us. The Spirit yearne and works in us for the healing of our problement. The Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy and holds before us the promise of greater unity. | 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 |
| (7) THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FREE. | 79 |
| The Spirit created readiness for the gospel where the first Christians least expected it. | 80 81 |

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| | The Spirit often thwarted their plans and led them in new directions. | 82 83 84 |
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| | They could not coerce or restrict the Spirit. We are sure the Spirit is still free. The Holy Spirit works in the church but not on our terms or under our control. The Holy Spirit works beyond the church even among those we scorn or suspect. | 85 86 87 88 88 |
| (8) | THE SPIRIT IS ONE WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON. | 90 |
| | In the presence of the Holy Spirit the first Christians experienced God's own presence, not a power different from God or less than God. In Jesus Christ they met God hinself, not a second God or one who is only like God.' Yet they still worshiped with the people of Israel one God alone. Reflecting on this mystery, the ancient church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. | 91 92 93 95 96 97 98 99 |
| | We believe with the church through the centuries that God is what he has shown himself to be in his story with his people: One God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. | 1 00 1 01 1 02 1 03 |
| | We affirm the unity of God's being and work. We may not separate the work of God as Creator from the work of God as Redeemer. We may not set the Son's love against the Father's justice. We may not value the Holy Spirit's work above the work of the Father and Son. The Lord our God is one Lord. | 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 |
| | We affirm richness and variety in God's being and work. God is always and at the same time Creator and Ruler, Savior and Lord, Giver of life within, among, and beyond us. | 111 112 113 114 115 |
| | CHAPTER SIX | |
| | THE WORD OF GOD | |
| (1) | GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN BY HIS WORD. | 1 |
| | God has not waited to be discovered. The Lord has taken the initiative and addressed his Word to humankind in many ways. By the Word of God the world was created. By the Word of God his people were judged and comforted. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. By the Word of God the New Creation is being formed. | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| | We believe God's Word is the direct address of God to us, By the power of the Holy Soirit we can hear that Word today: in Jesus Christ the living Word, | 9 10 11 12 |

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| | in the Bible, God's written Mord, in preaching and the savrationts. | 13 14 |
| (2) | JESUS CHRIST THE LIVING WORD OF GOD. | 15 |
| | The Word which was with Goa from the beginning was embedded in Ferra Christ. | 16 17 |
| | We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God's Word of acceptance thakes flesh: we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is to fulfil what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth God uttered in Jesus Christ. | 18 19 20 21 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 |
| (3) | THE BIBLE IS THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD. | 32 |
| | <pre>Led by the Spirit of God writers in Israel set down what God had said and done in their midst and how the people had responded. These writings emerged out of the community's life in the course of its story will God. They were often shaped and reshaped by the uses to which the community put them. They were cherishel and collected as the holy literature of the people of God. These writings were the Scripture of the early church from the very beginning.' By a similar process, within the church's common life, other writings energies under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As they were Pack and expounded by the Christian community they provel necestary, sufficient, and reliable, along with the Jewish Scriptures, as witnesses to Jecus Griet the Living Word. Gradually the church acknowledged the Old and New Testaments as the canon, or rule of faith and practice, to which no further Scripture need be added.</pre> | 33 34 35 36 37 39 40 41 42 44 45 46 47 48 950 51 52 53 |
| | Led by the same Spirit, we acknowledge the authority of the Bible. It is for us the Word of God as no other word written by human beings. We do not worship the book, but the God who speaks to us in it. We must test any word that comes to us from church, world, or inner experience by that decisive Word. We subject to its judgment all our understanding of doctrine and practice | 54 55 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 |
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| * - se . | | including this Declaration of Faith. | 65 |
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| | | Relying on the Holy Spirit, we affirm our joy and freedom in interpreting Scripture. God has chosen human writings to be at the same time his inspired Word to us. | 66 67 68 69 70 |
| | | Therefore we use the best available methods to understand them in their historical and cultural settings and the literary forms in which they are cast. | 71 72 73 |
| | | a constant housed has them | 74 75 76 77 |
| | (4) | PREACHING COMMUNICATES THE WORD. | 78 |
| | | In different styles and by various means believers have addressed God's truth as they understood it to the changing situations in which they lived. The Spirit has enabled the community of faith to hear God's Word in that human proclamation. | 0, |
| | | We are sure God still chooses human communication when and where he wills to be the Word of power to believers. The Spirit works in those who communicate, giving insights into the times from Scripture and insights into Scripture from tho times. The Spirit also works in those who receive the communication, making them able to understand and willing to obey. | 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 |
| | (5) | THE SACRAMENTS MAKE THE WORD VIVID. | 92 |
| | | The Word has net enly been read and preached, but also seen, tasted and touched. By the water of baptism and the broad and wine of communion the Spirit has cinfirmed God's saving action to believers with vividness and power. | 93 94 95 96 97 98 |
| | | We believe God acts by the Spirit in baptism: calling us by name to be his, cleansing us from corruption, giving us new life, setting us in the fellowship of believers. | 99 100 101 102 103 104 |
| | | God's promise is to us and our children. They are rightly entitled to this sign of inclusion in Christ's Baptism reminds us that God loves us long before we can love him | p _f pple. 106 107: 108 |
| | | and that faith and repentance are necessary as our response to God's love. Though we are baptized but ence our response should continue and deepon throughout life. | 109 110 111 112 |
| | | We believo. Christ is present through the Spirit at tho Lord's Supper. He makes himself known to us as the one who stood in our place | 113 114 115 |

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| and conquered death for us. | 116 |
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| He offers us his broken body and shed blood. | 117 |
| We offer ourselves to him in return. | 118 |
| We depend on him to sustain our lives. | 119 |
| We articipate the joyous feast in his coming Kingdom. | 120 |
| From him we receive strength and courage | 121 |
| to continue our story with God in the world. | 122 |

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THE JERICOLAN CHURCH

| (1) | THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AROSE WITHIN ISRAEL. | 1 |
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| | The followers of Jesus remained at first within the people Israel. As persons from all mations joined them, they were separated from the Jewist community. Yet they continued to accept Israel's story as their own and to consider themselves part of the people of God. We can never lay evaluative claim to being fel's people, as them at a replaced there to when the coverent, the law, and the promises belong. We affirm that God has not rejected his people the Jews. The Lerd does not take back his promises. We Christians have rejected Jews throughout our history with shameful prejudice and crueity. God calls us to dialogue and interaction that do not ignore our real disagreements, yet proceed in initial respect and leve. We are bound together with them in a single story of these chosen to se to and proclaim the living God. | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 11 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 11 2 3 4 5 16 17 18 9 0 11 15 16 17 18 19 0 17 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 |
| (2) | THE CHURCH IS FOUNDED ON JESUS CHRIST, | 20 |
| | God has called out of Israel and all nations those who confees Jerus thrist as Lord and Savier, together with their children. Christ has chosen to be known in the world through this community of ordinary people. | 21 22 23 24 25 |
| | We confirs that the church's sinfulness obseurce Christ and offer is the world. Yet Christ chooses it at an instrument of his ministry: theref re we dare not despise of abondon the church. Christ is its bead; therefore we should seek the mind of Christ in making polls, and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church; therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. | 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 |
| (3) | THE CHURCH IS MARVED BY THE SPIRIT | 35 |
| | As in the early Christian community, so in the centurics since. the Spirit has forced and identified the church. | 36 37 38 |
| | We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of the Spirit is evident: in preaching and sagraments, | 50 39 40 |

| | in the new life and continuous growth of believers, in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things, in mission and service to the world. | 41 42 43 |
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| | The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us, but God knows these who are his. | 4 4 45 |
| (4) | THE CHURCH LIVES ALONGSIDE OTHER FAITHS. | 46 |
| | The church has often lived and worked among those whe de not share the Christian faith It has been influenced by other religions and by secular faiths and ideologies. In turn it has affected then for good or ill. | 47 48 49 50 51 |
| | We do not fully comprehend God's way with other faiths, but we should reject nothing in them that is true. We need to listen with openness and respect to their words to us testing them always by God's Word in Scripture. We should be loving and unafraid in our dealings with them. We know God calls us to share the gift of Christ with all who will receive it. We are confident God judges all faiths, including our own. | 52 53 55 55 56 57 58 59 |
| (5) | THE CHURCH LIVES WITHIN POLITICAL CORMUNITIES. | 60 |
| | Throughout its history the church has struggled to be faithful to God in different political situations: A under persecution, as an established arm of the state, or in separation from it. | 61 62 63 64 65 |
| | We believe God rules over both state and church. We must confuse neither with the Kingdom of God. We must not identify the Christian faith with any nation's way of life or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations. We hold Christians are to be law-abiding citizens unless the state commands them to disobey God. We should not empect the state to impose Christian faith by legislation, or to give the church a privileged position. The church must be free to speak to the state, neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have, nor remaining silent when God's Word is clear. | 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 78 78 |
| (6) | THE CHURCH HAS ITS ONGOING STORY WITH GOD. | 79 |
| | The church's story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture. Across the conturies the company of believors has continued its pilgrinage with the hard of history. It is a story of faith and faithlecross, glory and shame. The church has withdrawn into Lonastories and made common cause with socular culture. It has experienced life-gaving reformation, and fallen back into coldness of heart and rigidity of thought. It has spread throughout the world | 8 0 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 |

| and lost influence where once it was strong. | 90 |
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| It has divided into rival orders, sects, and denominations, | 91 |
| and labored zealency for cooperation and union. | 92 |
| We acknowledge we are noirs of this whole story. | 93 |
| We are called to not mher our past, | 94 |
| to be warned and oncouraged by it, | 95 |
| but not to live it again. | 96 |
| Now is the time of our testing | 97 |
| as God's story with the church moves forward through us. | 98 |
| We are called to live now as God's people | 99 |
| in the service of people everywhere. | 100 |

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION

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(1) GOD SENDS THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD. God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the vorla to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world: it is part of our mission. We serve humankind in the world by discerning there God is at work and joining bim there. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we fird guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the Nature, We can affirm the Lord is at work in the world in many events and accordance respecially these: the liberation of pacala i the gaspel and the advancement of justice. compassion, and peace. (2) GOD SENDS US TO PROCLAIM DET CONPERT. God sent his Son to proclaim release to those whe are bound, to announce that Gol's proposed rule is at hand, and to unge spervone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is acving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be declared throughout the stole creation.

We testify God is at work here and now when people spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

We believe God sends us to tell all hu ankind that Christ intends then to be free

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| | | <pre>from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from the oppression of the powerful. We must not distort the gospel by watering down its demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite all people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.</pre> | 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 |
| | (3) | GOD SENDS US TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE. | 49 50 |
| | | God has reached our to those who suffer injustice and taken up the cause of the excluded and the poor. The Lord is noving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. | 50 51 52 53 54 |
| | | We are persuaded God is at work here and now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs and structures that enslave and oppress human beings. | 55 56 57 58 |
| | | We believe God sends us to work with all available allies: to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations: to make the operation of courts and penal institutions nore just and humane: to root our prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions: to stand with men and women of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chanee to exercise power for the common good. We must not countenance within the church and its institutions the inequities we seek to correct in the world. We must be willing to make such amends as we can for centuries of injustice which the church condoned. | 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 4 |
| | (4) | GOD SENDS US TO EXERCISE COMPASSION | 75 |
| | | In his concern for justice in the social order God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their brothers and sisters. | 76 77 78 79 80 81 |
| | | We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other. | 82 83 |
| | | We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort | 84 85 |

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| | in compassion for our neighbors; to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity; to humanize helping agencies including the church itself. We must net limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God. | 86 87 88 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 |
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| (5) | GOD SENDS US TO WORK FOR PEACE. | 96 97 |
| | God has brought out of the horrors of warfare the judgment and deliverance of nations. Yet the Lord has condenned the atvocities of war and warned his people not to trust in military might. The Prince of Peace does not bring in his rule by force. The Lord is moving toward the time when people will best swords into plowshares and nations will not learn war any more. | 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 |
| | We affirm God is at work here and now when people are ashaned of the informanity of war, perceive the threat of annihilation that hangs over the human race, and seek other ways of settling international disputes. | 105 106 107 108 109 |
| | We believe God sends us to minister to all on all sides of all wars: the vietins, the participants, and those who in conscience refuse to participate: to attack the causes and roots of war; to unnask the idolatry that places national security above all else; to urge all nations to devote to making peace the resources, intelligence, and energy that have gone to making war. | 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 |

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CHAPTER NINE

THE CERISTIAN LIFE

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| (1) | GOD CALLS US TO LIVE IN DISCIPLINED FREEDOM. | |
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| | God has laid down good instruction for us in the commandments and the proclamation of the prophets, in Jesus' teaching and the apostles' admonitions. | 2 3 4 |
| | We declare Shrist not field us from the law as a means of saving ourselves or making curselves superior to ether people. | 5 6 7 8 |
| | But we need the law introduce shape of our freedom. It describes concretely the shape of our freedom. Disciplined freedom variant the law keeps our personal lives from being chaotic and increases our effectiveness in the church's mission. | 9 10 11 12 |

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| (2) |) PRAYER IS OUR PRIVILEGE AND DUTY. | 13 |
| | Christ Has taught us to pray. Ho has given us liberty to ask what we will in his namo for ourselves and for our neighbors. He charges us to pray constantly, to be thankful and forgiving, to exercise our faith even when no answer comes. | 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 |
| | We acknowledge it is the duty and privilege of each of us to live a life of constant dialogue with God. We know prayer does not subject God to our whims. It does not violate the world's order and others' freedom. But God promises to be influenced by our prayers. The Lord is able to use them to move toward his purposes. | 21 22 23 24 25 26 |
| (3) | WE ARE TO ENJOY AND MANAGE TILE, | 27 |
| | God has allotted the precious gift of time to each of us. Our life span is limited and no hour comes again. | 28 29 |
| | We acknowledge daily tasks and relatiobships as our present calling from God. As we invest life in careers and avocations, we are to match our abilities to the world's needs. We are to include in the rhythm of our lives times when we set aside our own working to enjoy the world's goodness and beauty and to worship its Creator. | 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 |
| (4) | WE ARE TO USE AND SHARE THINGS. | 38 |
| | God has given the good things of earth for the needs and delight of all people. | 39 40 |
| | We acknowledge we are to use then joyfully, not abusing other people or ourselves. We are to share then generously with our neighbors. We are to offer then to God to further the church's nission. | 4 1 42 43 44 |
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| | God has set us free to question, explore, and discuss,' to delight in the quest for truth. But the quest requires honest searching and patient listening. | 46 47 48 |
| | We know we must be attentive to the way God's world really is and life-long students of what God's Word really says. We do not expect to find there detailed directions for every decision we face, but general guidance and instruction for living according to God's will. | 49 50 51 52 53 54 |
| | CHAPTER TEN | |
| | THE CHRISTIAN HOPE | |
| (1) | GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES AND GIVES US HOPE. | 1 |

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God kept his promises. 3 All that we can ever hope for 4 was present in Christ. 5 But the work of God in Christ is not over. 6 God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. 7 In Christ we have hope for the renewal of all things, 8 9 hope for victory over death, hope for God's love and justice beyond death. 10 This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. 11 (2) WE HOPE FOR A NEW WORLD AND A NEW HULANITY. 12 In Christ God gave us a glinpse of the new creation 13 hc has already begun and will surely finish. 14 We have no maps or timetables 15 to tell us when the final day will come. 16 In our time we see only broken and scattered signs 17 that the renewal of all things is under way. 18 We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. 19 20 But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our story 21 22 we believe he will stand at its end. 23 He will call all people and nations to account. Evil will be rooted out of God's good creation. 24 25 26 There will be no more tears or pain. 27 All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other 28 29 will be perfected. (3) WE HAVE HOPE IN THE FACE OF DEATH. 30 31 In the death of Jesus Christ God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. 32 But death was no match for God. 33 The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. - 34 Death often seens to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and decrest affections go for nothing. 35 - 36 37 We do not yet see the end of death. But we see Jcsus rison from the dead: We are convinced the life God wills for us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination 38 39 40 41 but we know we shall be with Christ. 42 We believe death is already a broken power. 43 Thcrefore in the face of certain death -44 45 we celebrate life even now. 46 No life is cut short so soon that its meaning and value are destroyed. 47 48 Nothing not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. 49 (4) BEYOND DEATH WE HOPE FOR GOD'S LOVE AND JUSTICE. 50 COND DEATH WE HOPE FOR GOD'S LOVE AND JUSTICE. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated his, judging and saving work. 51 52

| We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whon God loves results in eternal separation from him and th Yet we are also shown that God loves the whol and wills the salvation of all humankind in C | e world 56 |
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| We live by faith and not by sight, in tension between God's warnings and promise Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Chri we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the nost unlikely from the prom Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are confident that God's future for every will be both loving and just. | st, 60 61 62 63 64 5 65 |
| (5) HOPE IN GOD GIVES US COURAGE TO CHANGE THINGS NO | w 69 |
| The people of God have often misused God's pr as excuses for doing nothing about present ev But in Christ the new world has already broke and the old can no longer be tolerated. | ils. 71 |
| We know we cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual It gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seen, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. | |



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THE ADVENTURE OF MISSION: Today

Yesterday I spoke about mission in Korea as the Great Adventure, using Tournier's five-fold analysis of the meaning of "adventure". But I was talking about the past. Mission was an adventure then, in the good old days of the pioneers. But not any more, if some of the things I hear are true. Today people are calling mission not "the great adventure", but "the great frustration".

We are like the church in Ephesus. We have lost our enthusiasm. "To the angel of the church at Ephesus write:...I know all your ways, your toil and your fortitude.. Fortitude you have; you have borne up in my cause and never flagged. But I have this against you: you have lost your early love.." (Rev. 2: 1-4 NEB)

The early love is gone, and the sense of high adventure in mission. All we have left are our frustrations. Remember the remark about the three frustrations of the Peace Corps we used to quote as describing our own situation all too accurately? "Every Peace Corps member faces three frustrations. The first is diahrrea. The second is language. And the third is the frustration of trying to help people who won't help themselves." That is how we talk about mission today.

Chalmers of New Guinea can beat his breast and say, Give me back the spears flying, and the clubs knocking me to the ground..and I will still be your missionary". But I have yet to hear a heroic modern missionary build a furlough talk around the phrase, "Give me back the diahrrea".

Who says the mission field is adventure? If the only risk is diahrrea, that pretty well kills the sense of adventure for most people.

So take another look at Tournier's categories of adventure, and ask if they really describe our lives today.

1. There must be sddf-expression. "Adventure", says Tournier, "is a manifestation of oneself, a form of self-expression." It fulfills the vital need of creative action. How well does that describe your situation as a missionary today?

One there was room and enough for all kinds of self-expression and creative action. The most common complaint of the missionary today is that he is stifled. "They don't want me anymore," a discouraged missionary said to me before he left on furlough. "They only want my money." If that is true, the satisfaction of creative self-expression is gone, and there is no adventure left.

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2. Tournier says there must be scope for <u>innovation</u> and <u>invention</u>. There must be room for real grappling with real problems and the satisfaction of sharing in real solutions. But I hear another missionary complain, "Here I am with all sorts of ideas I'd like to try. But I can't do a thing. We are supposed to let the church do it.". What has happened to the adventure?

3. Tournier says that in adventure there must be a firm and steady <u>singleness of purpose</u>. But we live in a pluralistic world that consistently fuzzes over distinctions and shys away from singleness of definition. In my father's simpler days he knew without a doubt what he had come for: to make Christians. In these less certain days, I go to a Christian missionary conference in Japan and am told, "Your mission to Buddhists is to make them better Buddhists", and I am confused, and the cutting edge of adventure is blunted.

4. Tournier says that in adventure, it is <u>love</u> which suggests the goal, and love which directs and sustains the adventure. But my first mission meeting is so tense with disagreements a'out petty household problems that my wife is almost in tears. And in my first ten years on the field I watch in horror as my church splits fourteen different times. Is that love? Is that adventure?

5. Finally, Tournier says, there must be risk. Yes, I do at least have the risk. "Give me back the diahrrea".

Is this the way it all ends, after the days of glory, after the days of the pioneers. Must we say with T.S. Eliot:

> "This is the way the mission ends This is the way the mission ends This is the way the mission ends, Not with a bang, but a whimper".

Part of the whimpering is the frustration of trying to live up to a missionary image that no longer fits the facts. I have to go on furlough this summer and begin to speak to church groups who still think of missionaries as valiant men in pith helmets beating their way through the jungles to convert, perhaps, one or two cannibals a year. And I have to stand up and tell them about my missionary work in an air-conditioned office on the eighth floor of a tenestory building in the tenth largest city in the world which has, through no effort of mine, perhaps as many as 600 Protestant churches. It just doesn't sound like adventure any more.

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But listen. This is not the way the world ends. We all, sooner or later, have to make that necessary and oftentimes disillusioning adjustment from the adventure as we imagined it would be to, to the mission field as it really is. But we need not let the adventure die with our illusions. However low we may sometimes fall in practice, our calling is still as high as ever, and all we may need now and then are a few bugle-call reminders of the "high prize" that is ours--this "high calling of God in Christ Jesus", as Paul puts it.

When the horizontal aspects of the call leave us tired and irritable; when the work to which we are called loses its glamour and we first discover that our own believing colleagues are as hard to work with as the non-believing heathen--then it is time to stand straight again and remember the vertical aspects of our call. Our call depends on no man for you or against you. Our call is from God, and with God there is no end to the adventure.

Not all the bugle calls come from the past, and not all the present is wasteland gray. Our tendency is to fail to recognize today's adventures as adventures simply because they are different from the pdventures of the pioneers. Or we reverse that, and simply glamorize all the frustrations out of our recollections of the past. I remember Latourette once saying that none of the great missionaries died with a sense of frustration. But this was not because they had no frustrations. Don't over-idealize the days of the pioneers. They were big men not only in their virtues, but also in their weaknesses. No, it was not because the great missionaries had no frustrations that they died without a sense of frustration, says Latourette. They had not accomplished a fractions of what they had set out to do. The world was not evangelized in their generation. But they died in faith that God, who had called them, was able to accomplish far more through them simply because they had gone, than if they had not answered the call and "committed themselves to the unattainable."

Look again at Tournier's five categories of adventure.

First, there must be opportunity for <u>self-expression</u>. Who says there is no chance for self-expression any more on the mission field? The days of the pioneers are anyting but over. You just don't recognize them, because they look so much like you. I think of people like Jim Moore and Sally Robinson who pioneered a whole new field of Christian television in Korea. And of Otto DeCamp who gave this country the first Christian Radio Network in the whole world. Those three people--Moore, Bobinson and DeCamp--were reaching more people in one month for Jesus Christ than Underwood, Appenzeller and Moffett--all three combined--reached in their whole lives. And I think of Fran Kinsler who took some cold, ragged waifs off the freezing streets of Pyengyang one night and started a Bible Club movement that has no equal anywhere in the world. Or I think of

KOREA THIRTY YEARS AGO [in 1945]

I was not in Korea in 1945 but the approach of the 30th anniversary of this country's liberation on August 15 reminded us of some documents from that period which I had found in a second-hand bookstore years ago and squirreled away somewhere. A dusty search led me to a handful of faded leaflets on a closet shelf, and as I interest browsed through them I felt almost as if I had really been there in that chaotic, happy, Alice-in-Wonderland-liko world of Koroa when the Japanese surrendered and the Americans landed and the country--at least half of it-was suddenly and unbelievably froo.

But what a mixed-up world it was, and what a contrast to Korea today. Can you believe, for example, that the official language of the peninsula there for a while was English?

The earliest of the little leaflets is dated 7 September, 1945, Yokohama, Japan, over the namo of DOUGLAS MacARTHUR, General of the Army of the United States. "Proclamation No. 1", it reads. "TO THE PEOPLE OF KOREA... I do hereby proclaim as follows... Having in mind the long enslavement of the people of Korea and the dtermination that in duo course Korea shall become free and independent..the Korean people are assured that the purpose of the occupation is..to protect them in their personal and religious rights... All persons will obey promptly my orders.. Your property rights will be respected... For all purposes during the military control, English will be the official language..."

Greatness, real or imagined, was suddenly thrust upon

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some very unlikely people in those first confusing days. Two American Navy lieutenants awoke to find themselves fingered for rather awesome titles. One was made Governor of the Bank of Korea. The other, President of Secul National University. This is how one of the orders read: "Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Korea. Appointment Number 18. 17 October, 1945... Lieutenant Alfred Crofts, U.S.N.R., is hereby appointed President of Secul University... A. V. Arnold, Major General U.S.A., Military Governor of Korea."

An earlier appointment sheet, No. 3 of 29 September, Listed in English and Korean, the cabinet ministers of the hastily formed American Military Government under General Arnold. The language is pure bureaucratese. "General Order Number 1 as amended by General Order Number 2, is superseded and amended to read: The following officers are hereby appointed to the positions indicated: Brigadier General J. R. Sheetz, Deputy Military Governor of Korea

Colonel Brainard F. Prescott, Civil Administrator."

I wondered as I read the rest of the list if the rank of the appointees to the marious ministries (Directors of Bureaus, they were called) indicated how the new authorities rated the respective importance of the cabinet responsibilities involved. First on the list, and highest in rank was a colonel, Director of Mining and Industry; last and lowest was the Director of Education, a mere captain.

If Koreans were understandably a little baffled and bewildered by the succession of orders and amendments and counterorders of their liberators, they were too polite or too happy to

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say so. And in a surprisingly short time the American Army, which had always preferred to fight than govern, anyway, began to build up a genuinely Korean infrastructure of administration, as the appointment leaflets clearly show.

Beginning in October, 1945, Western names become fewer, and Korean names dominate. Kim Yong Mu, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Chang Yong Kim, Vice Mayor, Secul City. Yun Tchi Chang, Secretary, Monopoly Bureau.. The Directors of the Bank of Korea soon become predominantly Korean. The real first president of Secul National University was not the American naval licutenant, but Dr. Paik Lak-Jeen (George Paik) later Minister of Education and president of Yonsei University). His title in the listings is as misleading as the spelling of his name-Paik Lak Geeow (1)-for though he was officially only Dean of the College of Law and Literature, his was the major voice in policy and reorganization.

A familiar American name does appear in appointment number 105: "Robert A. Kinney, Executive Secretary of the National Economic Board". But by them, 1946, a Korean Interim Legislative Assembly had been established, and national identity was re-forming after the years of pain.

The country was free, but the times were still out of joint. Cheju-do had four different Amorican govornors in three months, August to October, 1946. The economy was in chaos. Some of the leaflets graphically show how the military government struggled to restore economic much stability.

"General Notice Number 1 (5 Oct. 1945). "FREE MARKET IN RICE" published the good news that farmers were no longer bound

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by Japanese price controls and the Japanese state monopoly on rice. Two weeks later General Notice Humber 2, "FREE CONMODITY MANKET", flung wide the doors to free trade in everything. But such laisses-faire suphofia lasted only a month. By November the General Notices were facing up to economic realities and critical shortages and over-eager profiteering. Controls were reimposed; first on coal (Nov. 5), then on fishing equipment and boats (Nov. 24), petroleum products (Dec. 15), and finally on rice (Dec. 19).

There is nothing new therefore about an oil crisis in Korea. But that is one of the few surviving parallels between those days and now. What a difference 30 years have made.

Thirty years ago, with an American navy officer presiding over the Bank of Korea, American experts gloorily predicted that there was no viable economic future for an agricultural South Korea cut off from its industrial north. Today Korea boasts one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Thirty years ago Secul was a directionless provincial town whome of its own identity and still dated by its sudden freedom. Today it is the sixth or seventh largest city in the world, the bustling, growing capital of one of the strongest nations in the third world, aggressively confident of its power to defend itself against reconquest.

Thirty years ago Korea was only enchanging Japanese managers for American. But at least the Americans, from generals to licutemants to private soldiers, were liberators, not conquerors. And I am rather proud of them, as I also an of the Koreans whose

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heritage and history it is never to be managed for long but always, irrepressibly, to recover and reassert their our proud independence and identity.

So on this thirtieth anniversary of its liberation, I salute the new Korea. It has come a long way in thirty years!

> -- Samuel Hugh Moffett Associate President, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Korea Scoul, Aug. 4, 1975

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Savant to Lecture **On Korean History**

SEOUL - Dr. Samuel Moffett, prominent church leader .and educator in Korea, will give a lecture on Korean history during the years 1900-1920 Dec. 1 at Yongsan Garrison's library at

7:30 p.m. Moffett, who was born in Korea of missionary parents, spent some time living in main-

land China before the Communists took over. He will augment his lecture with slides made

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san City and Cheju Island Thursday, officials said. About 10 million Koreans are

separated from family members still living in North Korea.

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alif. when Kim allegedly came to the home of retired Adm. Clarence C. Ray, 73, and demanded to know if Ray was the man who **en** 'nt wrote a letter to the editor opposing gun control.

When Ray said he had written the letter, Kim allegedly as-saulted him with a billy club.

Ray was hospitalized for several weeks after suffering mul-tiple cuts and bruises and two broken fingers in the alleged attack.

from photos taken by his father, Rev. S. A. Moffett. His father was the first resi-

dent missionary to work in the northern areas of Korea, settling in Pyongyang in 1893.

Spending most of his life in Korea, Moffett went to the United States During World War II, then to Peking, China, being ousted after the Communist takeover there. He returned to Korea in 1955 under the next. Korea in 1955 under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church.

Moffett now holds the posts of associate president of the Pres-byterian Theological Seminary here and director of the Asian Center for Theological Studies and Missions.

His lecture, in the library's music room, will cover the transition in Korea's history during the decline of the Yi dynasty and early occupation by Japan.

The lecture is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Medium Industry **Bank Gets Loan**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The South Korean government-owned development finance institution, Medium Industry Bank (MIB), has been granted a \$30 million loan by the World Bank.

The loan will help cover MIB's foreign exchange requirements over the next two years and help provide loans for the growth of small and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises in Korea.

Knee Heulf 8th U.S. Army Library Nov. 30, 1975

Dr. Moffett to Lecture On Korea at Yongsan

The Yongsan Library will present Dr. Samuel Moffett in 50-minute slide-lecture on a 50-minute side i "Korea, 1900-1920" at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Some of the slides were made from pictures which belonged to Moffett's father and which were taken during the early part of the 20th century. All the slides are from

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He was a visiting lecturer at Princeton from 1953 to 1955. In 1955 he returned to Korea as a representative of the United Presbyterian Church. He has since been a research fellow and lecturer at Columbia

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His lecture will take place in the Yongsan Library's Music

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Choe Tang-sop; a Korean film producer in. Tokyo, has donated a documentary film on Japanese Buddhist shrines built in the style of Korea's Paekche n to the Min! / Infe

days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Missionary to Present View Of Korea in the 1890s Pacific Struct + Structor, Feb. 4, 1975 YONGSAN, Kolea (Special) "Korea, 1890" will be presented in a slide lecture by Samuel H. Moffett teacher and mainten Moffe

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Moffett, teacher and missionary, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Music Room 'of Yongsan Library.

The slides, which are from Moffett's private collection, are from old photographs made before the turn of the century. One depicts Seoul when the Myong Dong Cathedral dominated the landscape. Another shows the gate of welcome for the Chinese envoy to the Korean king. This gate was later replaced by independence arch which can still be seen at Sudaemoon. Moffett's ties to the land and

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father, the Rev. S. A. Moffett, settled in Pyongyang in 1893 as the first resident Protestant missionary in the forbidden interior of Korea.

Born in Pyongyang, Moffett spent his early years in Korea and later graduated from Wheaton College, Ill., and Princeton Theological Seminary. He earned his Ph.D. in history from Yale University.

He returned to mainland China after World War II as a missionary and professor at Yenching University in Peking. When the Communists took con-trol of the country, Moffett was arrested and later freed in 1951, when he returned to the United States.

He was a visiting lecturer at Princeton from 1953 through 1955, when he came back to Korea as a representative of the United Presbyterian Church. He has since been a research fellow and lecturer at Columbia Uni-versity (1971) and is now associate president of the Graduate School, Presbyterian Theo-logical Seminary in Seoul.

Moffett is the author of sev-eral books, including "Wher'er the Sun," "The Christians of Korea,' and "The Biblical Background of Evangelism." Currently he is writing a biography of his father. Some of the slides to be shown will be used to illustrate his new book.

Highest Honor Received

"Korea Tomes" Huros, Jen 31, 1975 1 Act of Course' 'Patriotism

By Yun Yeo-chun

"Patriotism does not deserve Pathotism does not deserve a reward because being a pat-riot is quite natural...Always blamable are those who are unpatriotic," said an 85-year-old pioneer diplomat, who was given the highest honor by the government Tuesday.

Lee Won-soon, president of the Korean-American Associa-tion, told The Korea Times yesterday that all people capa-ble of emigrating abroad were encouraged to do so because they would serve as civilian diplomats for their fatherland.

Lee was honored with the Order of Civil Service Merit, Mugunghwa by the govern-ment for his 40-year contribu-tion to emigration and and tion to emigration and natu-ralization of Koreans in the United States and for his people-to-people diplomacy at home during the past 12 years. at "It was my conviction that all Korean: in the U.S. should, at least, be gualified for naturalization regardless of whe-ther they want it or not," said Lee, who worked as chairman of the Korean Immigration and Naturalization Committee in Washington in the 1940s.

Lee explained that colored



Korea Times Photo "Patriotism is a matter of course," says Lee Won-soon, president of the Korean-American Association, who was given the highest honor by the government for his 40year service in civic diplomacy.

people from Asiatic countries had been barred from immig-rating and naturalizing till 1952, when legislation enabling their naturalization pass-ed the Congress "largely owing to the efforts of Walter to the efforts of Walter Jhung," who worked as a sec-retary for the committee at

"When the bill was pending in Congress, many Koreans in the U.S. charged that I was plotting to force all Koreans to be naturalized as American citizens. But upon passage of the bill, most of the critics were naturalized in a hurry, while I've remained a Korean national to the last," Lee said, Lee went to Hawaii via Shanghai in 1914 to take re-

fuge from the Japanese im-perialists who ruled Korea. While staying in the U.S., Lee movement together with the late Syngman Rhee for more than 30 years. Before he returned to Korea

in 1953, Lee had served as re-presentative of the Korean provisional government in Ho-nolulu, chairman of the Ko-rean United Committee in the U.S. and chairman of the Korean Immigration and Natu-ralization Committee.

After returning home, he has worked in various fields in-cluding politics, economics and sports. In 1963, Lee join-ed the Democratic Republican Party of an evention director Party as an executive director. Two years later, he published "The Man." a biography of

"The Man." a biography of Syngman Rhee. His civilian diplomacy has made steady headway since 1963, when he inaugurated the Korean-American Associa-tion with the purgoses for exchange of cultural and social understanding, and promoting friendly relations between Koreans and Americans.

Nine persons — five of them Americans in Korea — pro-Americans in Korea — pro-moted organization of the association. They included the late Dr. Choi Doo-sun, former president of the Korea National Red Cross; the late Dr. He-len Kim, former president of Ewha Womans - University; Rev. George M. Carroll, who currently serves as vice presi-

currently serves as vice presi-dent of the association; and pastor <u>Samuel H.</u> Moffet. Foreign Minister Kim Dong-jo and U.S. Ambassador to Se-oul Richard L. Sneider are honorary presidents of the as-sociation, which has about 800 members. They have regular members. They have regular gatherings for promotion of friendship, Lee explained. The association plans to dis-

tion to the U.S. for participa-tion in ceremonies celebrating the 200th anniversary of In-While staying in the U.S., Lee dependence Day next year, ac-worked for the independence cording to the aged but still energetic president.

Korea Herald 1975 Ture , June 24, 75th Anniversary Seoul RAS Oldest **Of Culture Groups**

Korean culture and society to foreigners. With 1,100 membership,' including 350 of whom are overscas members, the society has been carring out publications, meeting programs and tours as its principal ways to investigate the arts, history, literature and customs' of Korea and neighboring countries. "The ups and downs of the society are generally coin-cided with the ups and downs of this fascinating land of not always so morning calm,"

of this fascinating land of not always so morning calm," recalled Dr. Edward R. Wright, president of the society, in his address at the birthday party. "But for the endeavors of



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Peking Man May Turn Up In California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Peking Man fossils, missing since World War II, may be discovered in time for President Gerald Ford to return them to China on his trip in October, says fossil hunter Christopher Janus.

Janus, who has offered a \$150,000 reward for finding the fossils, arranged a the fossils, arranged a meeting Sunday with an army man who says he stumbled across the prehistoric fossils at an abandoned cabin about 160km south here.

"I've had some wild goose chases," said Janus, 64, a Chicago investment broker who bas tracked the fossils for three years. "But this looks rather good." Janus has been looking for the bones since 1972, when he visited China and was enlisted

the search by Chinese

in the search by Chinese leaders. "It's their crown jewels," said Janus. "They suspect we've got them. They want them back." Janus said he visited Ford at the White House in May and the president told him, "If you find them, I'll take them with me." me.

"There couldn't be a better gift for the president to take to China than the Peking Man fossils," Janus said.

Having celebrated the 75th birthday last Saturday, the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society is not only the oldest but also the most active organization to interpret Korean culture and society to foreigners. years when Korea was an object of international dispute among the great powers culminating in the Russo-Japanese War and the Japanese War and the Japanese annexation of Korea.

Formed exactly on June 16, 1900, the original council of the society included such familiar names as Horace Allen J.H. Gubbins, James Gale, Homer Hulbert, H.S. Underwood, Samuel A. Moffett, H.G. Appenzeller and George H. Jones.

There was no activity of the society from January 1903 to December 1910. Dr. Wright said, "There were many years when the Transactions, the when the Transactions, the annual journal of the RAS, were printed in Japan or Hongkong for practical or political reasons or both. In 1950, on the outbreak of the Korean War, three of nine council members were for-ceably taken north and one did not survive." In the early years

not survive." In the early years, programs were occasional and papers presented were intended for inclusion in the Transactions, which was the focal point of the RAS activity. With the reactivation of the society in 1957, meetings became monthly affairs and in 1969, semi-monthly. RAS tours were hegun in the late 1950's organized primarily by Carl organized primarily by Carl Miller. The tours are now an integral part of RAS activities with about 1,200 participants last year.

Concerning publications, the Transactions was begun in 1900, and fiftieth volume will 1900, and littleth volume will be printed at the end of this year. The RAS hook publication program began in 1967 with four titles. Since then,ten more works of scholarly and cultural nature

scholarly and cultural nature have been sponsored or cosponsored by the RAS. "During the current calendar year," Dr. Wright disclosed, "five more new-titles will be produced. In addition, a new RAS reprint, series of out-of-print Western-language works on Korea in the 19th and 20th centuries will be inaugurated later this

he inaugurated later this summer. Five titles in the reprint series will be reissued under the RAS imprint by the end of this year." Heading the Korean-American Educational Commission, the RAS president said, "Our society welcomes to its membership any foreigners and 'Koreans who are seriously interested in the RAS activities. We have attempted in our various programs to maintain a relatively high level of scholarship and creative endeavor."

endeavor." "While such aspirations are susceptible to pitfalls and can never be perfectively met," he said in conclusion, "we shall continue to strive to develop our society in ways that are true to the goals set by the 35 founders on that undoubtedly bet and puggy but fortuitour hot and muggy, but fortuitous, day 75 years ago.'' (KSH)



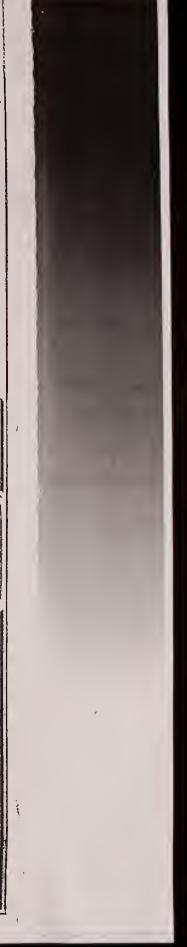
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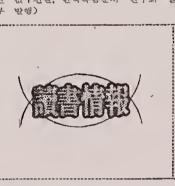
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KOREA HERALD. May 20, 1476 After 40 Years in Korea

Moffett Reaches Hwangap

By Pak Yong-pil

In Korea, the 60th birthday or "hwangap" bears signifi-cance because a man or woman has completed a full cycle of life, It has been for centuries a custom to celebrate the day in a grandiose manner. But for a foreigner who has spent in this soil his prime time, the birthday adds to another significance, recollecting his better or happy memories and renewing his determination to serve for this country.

"I've had a wonderful life. I'm perfectly happy with my life here. Since Korea has been my country for the better part of 40 years, I've become accustomed to the lifestyle here," recalled the Rev. Samuel H. Moffett, associate president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul

The American missionary faculty member of Yenching will celebrate his both bir-University and Nanking thday today. His Korean Theological Seminary. He was friends will hold a special exiled from China in 1951 when prayer service for him at Youngnak Presbyterian control of mainland China. He

Church at 3 p.m. today. He was born in Pyongyang, now in north Korea, in 1916, to now in north Korea, in 1916, to Samuel A. Moffett. a noted Christian missionary in the early stage of the introduction of the ordinary in Korea was to teach the Bible of the religion to Korea. His family is one of a handful of noted missionary families who devoted themselves to spreading the Christian gospel my native place. I hore to be in Korea at the turn of this buried in this country." century and encouraged the nationalistic cause under the

reached college age, he went to the United States to study theology and to practice church work. He studied at and Moranbong, a riverside Wheaton College, Princeton pavilion in Pyongyang," he Theological Seminary and said. Yale University for his Ph.D.

Rev. Moffett pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States. From 1945 to 1950, he served as a mis-sionary in China. He was a

the Communists took over returned to Princeton Theological Seminary as a

in a small church in Andong, Kyongsang Pukto, for three years," said Ma Sam-rak, as he likes to be called. "Korea is With regard to the quality of

the Korean people, he noted Japanese colonial rule. He attended the Pyongyang Foreign School. When he of their culture. "I hope to be given a chance once more to visit scenic places in north Korea such as Mt. Kumgang

He is the author of a number

In 1945, he was ordained a of books on Korean subjects.

4-Day Gala

Yongsan Carnival Fun For All Age Groups

The four-day Yongsan program. Community Carnival will May 30th will feature a Community Carnival will offer entertainment appealing to all ages. According to Larry Chandler, Recreational Service Agency Korea (RSAK), the Area Central Music/Theater director, "It is all top quality entertainment and some of the best we have had in recent years.

Opening day, May 28, will close the day's activities

musical/variety show by "The Questions," at 1 p.m. followed "The Ghetto," progressive musical group at 3 p.m. An acoustic guitar folk music group called, "The Chessir Brothers" will perform at 5 p.m. The ''Hello Korea," show at 6:30 p.m. will

They include "Christians of Korea," "Asia and Mission," and "Joy for an Anxious Age: Bible Study in the Philip-pines." He is working on another book dealing with the history of Christianity in Asia. The projected book will be published by the Cambridge University Press this August. It became very difficult to do missionary work in Korea at the time when harsh Japanese authorities forced the Korean people to worship their own national religion "Shintoism," he recollected. No right-thínking Korean, Christian or non-Christian would endure the Japanese brutality, he said.

In spite of harsh Japanese censorship, Moffett observed, there were also remarkable individual efforts by many foreign missionaries to let the world know what was actually happening on the Korean peninsula.

The American missionary-educator has concentrated his efforts on bringing the Korean cultural heritage to the world hy contributing articles to the leading newspapers and magazines published in the United States. For example, Moffett contributed some articles to the world-circulation magazine Christianity Today under the lopic of the "Western contribution to the Independence Movement of 1919," "What makes the church grow in Korea?" and "Protestant contribution to the Modernization of Korea."

He has collected a number of rare publications and photographs which constitute valuable items for studying early Christian missionary work and the independence movement during the Japanese colonial rule in this country. Among them are "Korea and the Sacred White Mountain," "Notes on the Imperial Chinese Mission to Korea" and "the History of Korea.



Gallery Roundup

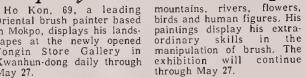
Oriental Brush Style Displayed in Landscape

Oriental brush painter based in Mokpo, displays his lands-capes at the newly opened Tongin Store Gallery in Kwanhun-dong daily through May 27.

A traditional landscapist, Ho was born of a prominent artistic family. He is a grandson of Ho So-chi, a principal painter toward the end of the Yi Dynasty, and son of Ho Mi-san, also a renowned painter

Mokpo, and this is well reflected in his landscapes on display. For information call the gallery (Tel. 73-4867 or 73-4827).

Another leading Korean painter, Kim Ki-chang will open his exhibition at the Namhyong Gallery (Tel. 73-2028) in the antique street of Insa-dong today.



The exhibition of abstract paintings by Lee Ung-no in Paris is showing 50 works at the Shinsegye Department Store fourth-floor gallery through Monday. The pro-ceeds from the sale of the paintings will be used to build a private art museum near Sudok-sa temple in Chungchong Namdo.

Ms. Margaret Rigg is here in Seoul to exhibit her paint-ings and calligraphy at the American Cultural Center second-floor auditorium from today through May 26. A preview was given for invited persons yesterday evening. In 1972, she was a Fulbright exchange researcher and lecturer affiliated with Ewha Womans University in Seoul, and had a major show of her calligraphic works at that

Her paintings and calligraphy have been exhibited widely in the United States, Japan, France, Turkey, Finland and Korea. She has published many articles in leading art magazines, and is former art editor of Motive

Margaret Rigg's new show at the American Cultural

Dear Ann Landers

Kid's Privacy

am dressing or undressing.

I think I should be allowed to have some him. privacy when I am reading, doing homework or having kíds over. One more thing, should a 14-year-old be allowed to have a lock on his door so he can lock it from the inside? - Un-Privately Frustrated

Dear U.P.: I see no reason why a 14year-old boy should not be permitted to when he is entertaining a member of the opposite sex.

knock first.

walk in without appointments and As for a lock on the door, the answer is demand that the doctor see them. I realize no. A closed door means you want pir- emergencies come up, but you'd think vacy. Anyone who wishes to enter should they could at least call before they leave home. Then there are the frantic drop-ins who are ''leaving town tomorrow.'' Add Dear Ann Landers: Rob and I have been the pain-in-the-neck who waltzes in an going together for two years. Our hour late. (Car trouble, bus trouble, watch engagement has been off and on so many was an hour slow — excuses galore.) times I've lost count. My ring has gone Worst of all are the clods who call on the back and forth like a yo-yo. phone and INSIST on talking to the doctor

We argue about what movie to see, even though he's with another patient. which channel to watch, whether we're When you tell them he's busy, better hold going to eat Chinese, American, the phone away from your ear. Those Japanese, or Italian. We can't agree on "call-backs" can take an hour. The doctor whether or not to have a family either. can't get them off the horn. So, please, folks, try to see it from the Rob isn't especially fond of kids. I want at least three.

We can't get along WITH each other or him for three days I get depressed. Rob says after we're married we'll get Michigan

me. Do you agree? - San Diego

Young Musicians Show Prowess

The following review of the recent concert by the National Symphony Orchestra at the National Theater has been contributed by Prof Lee Songsam of Kyunghee University - Ed

The recent concert by the National Symphony Orchestra provided young musicians with stimulation. It was no doubt a valuable event for promising young talent.

While performing Mendelssohn's No. 2 Concerto, Miss Sub Hui-giong displayed a



His themes derive from

Ho is an admirer of nature, especially Mt. Wolchul in Yongam and Mt. Yudal in

(第三桥郵便約設計)



Dear Ann Landers: I am a 14-year-old Dear San: No. There will also be more boy with a problem. I don't want to have a time to argue, which is probably what major hassle over this, but if you say I'm you'll be doing. The basis for a good right I will fight to the bitter end. The marriage is friendship. When two people question is this: My parents will not let bicker and disagree continually, they me keep my bedroom door closed unless I aren't friends. If Rob has the ring now let him keep it. If YOU have it, give it back to

> Dear Ann Landers: I've been boiling ever since I read the complaints from people who have to wait in doctors' offices. May a receptionist have the last word?

It means as much to us as it does to the patients to run appointments on time. Working an additional two or three hours keep his bedroom door closed, except is no fun. But - and here's the kicker: You wouldn't believe how many people

other person's point of view. Do you believe any doctor or receptionist enjoys WITHOUT each other. When I don't see running two hours late? And how do you think the doctor's wife likes it? - From

along better because we'll have more Dear Mich: Glad to give you equal time. time to settle things. It makes sense to I'm with you and the doc on this one. Copyright 1976 Field Enterprises, Inc.

With Nat'l Orchestra

thoughtful manner and with a sense of unity.

We did not anticipate from a soloist of her age any profound thought in Mendelssohn's world. Yet she did interpret well the singing qualities of Mendelssohn's music with her remarkable technical prowess. She demonstrated brilliant melodic charms of the second movement.

Miss Suh showed outstanding fingering in the fast passages of the third movement and displayed her steady

musical advance.

Cellist Choi Woo-il who played Dvorak's Concerto also proved himself to be on the way to a brilliant musician-ship. A winner of top place in the previous contest organized by the Dong-A Ilbo, he elicited characteristic charms of his instrument effortlessly.

As in the case of the piano soloist, Choi played the con-certo in complete harmony with the orchestra. Conductor Hong Yon-taek exhibited his prudent personality throughout the evening.

had in recent years. Korea," show at 6:30 p.m. will Opening day. May 28, will feature the Eighth U.S. Army Band at 12 p.m., followed by a close the day's activities The last day of the cornival. May 31, Will see lop en-

entertainment will be Paul

The shows will take place on

the stage outside of the

Korean floor show, "Poptertainers from the World Cup py's," at 3 p.m., then a square show performing at 1 p.m. dance exhibition by the followed by the Korean floor show, "Love." At 5 p.m. there 'Kimchi Promenaders,'' at 5 will be drawings for prizes. 'Stardust,'' another Korean Master of ceremonies for the four days of star-studded

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floor show at 1 p.m. will open May 29th's program, then a GI Combo, "The MG's," will play rock, jazz and soul music at 3 p.m. A musical variety show at 5 p.m. by the "Tender Apples," and the "New Horizon," is next with a Music, Theater Center, South Post, right in the middle of the martial art's demonstration carnival grounds. All of the by "Dragon Kim," at 6:30 programs are free and p.m. rounding out the day's everyone is invited to attend.



A landscape by Klm Ki-chang

PEANUTS HE JUST LOST OUT IN I HAVE A IS HE THE NO, HE HE SAYS IT'S ALL **GRANDFATHER** THE FIRST ROUND OF A KIND WHO TAKES IT PART OF GROWING UP ! WHO IS TENNIS TOURNAMENT HATES TO QUITE works on China. SEVENTY-SIX LOSE ? WELL .. Mrs. Suzanne Vogel is a YEARS OLD students CAL **EB** and **FLO** —Concert by National ymphony Orchestra, Symphony featuring pianists Lea Snelder NO, HENRY SO I'D LIKE YOU TO and Klm Jung-kyu and harpist FIND ME A TABLE WITH MY BACK TO THE BILL Chung Hye-un as soloists, YOUR USUAL TABLE MY BOSS TODAY National Theater, 7:30 p.m. May 26. -Exhibition of paintings and calligraphy by Margaret MR. BLISS ? Rlgg, American Cultural Center second-floor auditorium, May 21-26. ---Violin recital by Suh Soon-chung, National Theater, 7:30 p.m. May 25. -Soprano recital by Chong Kyong-sun, National Theater, uars ANDY CAPP 7:30 p.m. today. -Concert by Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra, Ewha Girls' High School NEVER MIND THAT! IF YOU WHAT'S NOW LOOK 'ERE, YOU CAN'T WON'T FIND A JOB Y'SELF, THE I'LL FIND ONE FOR YOU! Auditorium, 7 p.m. today. For EXPECT A BLOKE TO WORK WAGES information call the Dong-A FOR THAT KIND O' MONEY! Ilbo Promotion Depart. (Tel. HANDS 75-2914). WANTED -Exhibition of masterpieces of genre painting, Chon Hyong pil Museum Songbuk-dong, through May 23. For information call (Tel, NE'LL PAY 93-4942) (IM WHAT --Batlk exhibition by Seoul VORTH American High School students, Yongsan Library Smythe FRANK AND ERNEST Music Room, May 16-27. -Pansorl (narrative songs) FRANK & ERNEST concert, Britannica Building (formerly Seoul USO building I'M AFRAID ATTORNEYS in Yongsan), 7 p.m. every Fri-

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Margaret Rigg's new show At the American Cultural Center can be considered as her Korea retrospective, reflecting many aspects of her previous Korea experience. Harvard's Vogel

Here on Visit

Prof. Ezra Vogel, director, of the East Asian Research Center of Harvard University, and Mrs. Vogel arrived in Seoul yesterday at the invita-tion of Dr. Min Kwan-shik. Prof. Vogel will give an address on "America and East Asia in the 1980s" at the Asian institute for Public Policy, 4 p.m. today.

Vogel has written very extensively on China, Japan, and East Asia in general including several scholarly

fellow of Radcliffe College and a staff member of the Harvard University Health Center where she works with

sohn's No. 2 Concerto, Miss Suh Hui-giong displayed a notable musical progress from her previous appearance in a concert sponsored by The Korea Herald. She played each bar and passage in a



KUKCHE — "Earthquake," 650 won, 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00,

PICCADILLY — "A Win-dow to the Sky," 700 won, 11:00, 1:20, 3:45, 6:05, 8:30. MYONGBO - "They CallMYONGBO - "They CallMe a Trinity," 700 won, 11:20,1:40, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40.

TANSONGSA - "My Name

s Nobody," 700 won, 11:20, :40, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40. SCALA — "INTERPOL," 700 won, 10:00, 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40, 8:50.

C H U N G A N G — "Archrival," 390 won, 10:30, 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 6:45, 8:45. TAEHAN - "Salty," 700 won, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00,

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gallery, through May 23. -Exhibition of paintings by Kim Chang-yol from Paris, Hyondae Gallery, May 20-June 3.

Korea Herald Photo Miss Suh Hui-glong performs Mendelssohn's No. 2 Piano Concerto with the National Symphony Orchestra in a recent concert at the National Theater.

Thursday, May 20

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-Exhibition of antique uns, hosted by William E.

Holder, Yongsan Library Music Room, 2.5 p.m. May 22.

-Exhibition of paintings by Ho Kon, Tongin Gallery, in

-Exhibition of paintings by Klim Kl-chang, Kanggyong Gallery in Insa-dong, May 21-27.

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Insa-dong, May 20-27.

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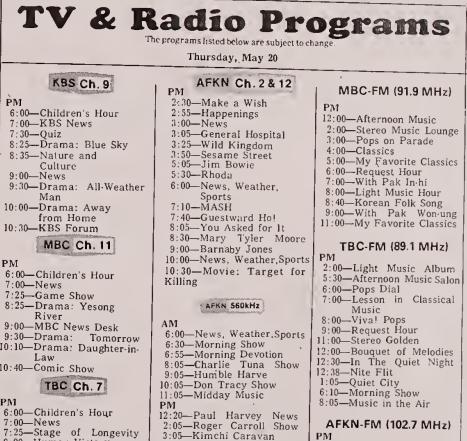
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10:40—Bonanza

11:05--The Drama Hour Other Korean-language radio stations are HLSA (600kHz), HLKY (840kHz), HLKJ (790kHz) and HLKC (640kHz).



4:05—Afternoon Show

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YONSEI UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

April 2, 1975

Yonsei Foundation Letter #13 To: Minister of Education Subject: Reply to the Minister of Education's Official Notice.

This is in reply to Miniatry of Education Official Notice (College 1040-320) of 18 March 1975.

In view of the seriousness of the problem, this Board of Directors, upon receiving your official notice made a careful study to find a satisfactory solution, and having made every effort to find a solution in consultation with you, again wish to make our position absolutely clear.

The Board of Directors, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of Board of Directors (24 March 1975) and the full Board of Directors (31 March 1975), send the following reply.

i. Although you demand the dismissal of the President for reinstating the released faculty and students, a careful study of the events of the period shows that the President, in order to preserve peace and an atmosphere of study in the university, has only determined the policy and set in train the reinstatement proceedures. In as much as the President has not yet reinstated faculty or students, this Board does not find sufficient reason to dismiss the President. We again ask you to reconsider this matter.

2. With regard to the matter of Professors Kim Dong-Gill and Kim Chan-Kook, when we look at the precedent of the close communications between the Ministry and the University authorities concerning all faculty peraonnel administration matters, the Chairman of the Board could not handle this matter at his own discretion. Moreover, not only was there no inatruction from the Ministry of Education on the matter during the entire time, but also, because of the great political implications of the case, we believe that the school authorities are right in their position that it would benefit the nation not to handle the personnel matters until the government has determined its final policy. Furthermore, as the Administration, the National Assembly, etc., are discussing pardon in this matter, we believe it will help to preserve peace in the university to handle the problem after that decision is made. If, at that time, in the light of that decision, the Ministry of Education sends instructions, the matter will be handled then. in addition, with regard to the allowances for the faculty, as the livelihood of their families is urgent, we have confirmed that accounts will be settled when the final decision is made on restoration, suspension or dismissal.

3. Thus, the Board of Directors again confirms the basic policy for solving the matter announced in the "Chairman's Statement" (attached) of 24 March 1975. Sincerely hoping that because of this problem there will be no disturbance of the atmosphere of study of the university, or any unrest to society, 1 wish to make it abundantly clear that I will be glad to discuss ways of settling this problem with you at any time.

Therefore, in view of the seriousness of the problem, and believing that the solution can be found in mutual conversations between the two sides, I officially request that the period be extended by seven days.

Lee Chun Whan Chairman, Board of Directors Yonsei University

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STATEMENT

by Bishop Chung Whan Lee, Chairman of the Board

March 24, 1975

The Board of Directors of Yonsei University was deeply shocked to receive the Ministry of Education Warning of the 18th, directing the dismissal of the President. However, we wish to make clear that, by gathering opinions from every group and class, we are making every effort to find a satisfactory solution.

1. As a result of a study of the detailed reports on the progress of reinstating the released students and faculty, I have confirmed that although the administrative steps are being taken, the stage of making the final decision has not yet been reached.

2. So long as it is the common objective of the university and the Education authorities, in view of the national situation, to exert every effort to create an atmosphere of quiet study, I believe absolutely that under the present circumstances the dismissal of the President is not the best way to settle the problem.

3. Whether from the point of view of the Education authorities or for the university situation, I believe that the only way to arrive at the best solution of this problem is for both sides to make joint efforts, using all educational resources, to have conversations and fresh efforts at understanding; and we will continue with patience to consult with the Education authorities to the end.

Upon resigning as President

Since taking up the heavy responsibility of President of Yonsei University, I realize that the time has now come to make my final decision. Just as all my decisions have been to do my best for the honor and development of Yonsei during the more than ten years that I have served since my election by the Board of Directors in September 1964, so also in this difficult situation that we find ourselves now, 1 believe that all Yonsei-ites will support me in realizing that the time has come to make the decision and take action in that spirit.

In order to put an end to the problem of reinstating the released faculty and students, raised on my responsibility by the decision of March 13, and after receiving the confidence of the Board of Directors on March 31, I completed the proceedures for reinstating the students, and with the cooperation of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia have appointed Professors Kim Chan-kook and Kim Dong-Gill as research professors for the time being and will pay them from research funds. Consequently, judging that the great private institution, Yonsei, should suffer no further disturbance or trouble, and for love of Yonsei subduing my distress at leaving, I have sumbitted my resignation to Board Chairman Lee Chun-Whan as of today.

Now, as I leave Yonsei, to which I have devoted by strength and vigor, my mind is no longer troubled but at rest. There is no slightest change in my thoughts from when I reinstated the released faculty and students the other day. Although I am well aware of how complex this matter has become because of the political and legal proceedures, there is also no change in my conviction that we cannot keep silent forever about the ideology and the educational calling that must exist in a university.

In the balance between reality and ideals, it is not hard to reach a compromise with reality, but it is a truly difficult and agonizing task to see that youthful ideals do not become merely external feelings.

Although I cannot adequately express my respect and apologies for the sincerity, the efforts and the support of the Chairman of the Board and the Board members, 1 believe 1 cannot bring dishonor to the 90 year tradition of Yonsei by delaying my decision any longer. Bearing full responsibility, I

leave Yonsei with gratitude for the deep supportive understanding of the respected members of the Board, my friends of the faculty and staff, the beloved students, the alumni, the United Board that has assisted me, the various mission boards, social leaders, and parents.

Above all, I earnestly hope that all Yonsei-ites will unite even more closely together, and with the Korean people contribute to the greater development of Yonsei so that this may be the start of a new opportunity to resurect the hope and faith of the Korean people in Yonsei.

I am well aware that there are still many obstacles across the path of Korean universities in trying to achieve the destiny hoped for by the people and the nation. However, I believe that those in education must always choose the most righteous path. It is also my conviction that in the future Yonsei must never abandon the founding spirit of providing education based on the Christian faith.

Finally, I earnestly pray that the will and the victory of God may be acheved through Yonsei for our fatherland.

April 3, 1975

Tae Sun Park, President Yonsei University



YONSEI UNIVERSITY SEOUL, KOREA

April 3, 1975

Dear Friends,

We know you have followed with prayer and concern the events at Yonsei University over the past six weeks, and have deeply appreciated the support that we have received.

Although it would take too much space to try to summarize all the events of that period, I thought you might be interested in the enlosed documents pertaining to the final stage of events this week.

We ask your continuing prayers for this university and for those who, humanly speaking, are charged with its affairs. We also ask for your prayers for the government authorities that they, too, may be given the insight to handle these matters wisely and well.

Sincerely,

Horace G. Underwood Assistant to the President

(Press Release)

I received the resignation of Dr. Park Tae-Sun as President at 9:00 this morning. I cannot express my shock and suprise at this unexpected occurence. Our Board of Directors, making every effort, within the time limit, proposed further discussions to the Ministry of Education side, but because Dr. Park has submitted his resignation a new situation has unfolded.

President Park's resignation should be interpreted as arising from a martyr-like spirit to save the school, and I cannot restrain my deep respect for his deep love of the school.

In accordance with the proceedures of our Board of Directors a special meeting of the Board will be called immediately to discuss matters relating to handling the resignation and taking appropriate measures.

April 3, 1975

Lee Chun Whan Chairman, Board of Directors Yonsei University

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6, 7. Purpose, Program and Activities

The United Presbyterian Order for World Evangelization (UPOWE) consists of a group of United Presbyterians who seek to re-spond to God's love in Jesus Christ within the fellowship and discipline of the United Presbyterian Church, and who seek in a particular way to give witness to two special concerns. Our first concern is the evangelization of all people, especially those people who are outside the active evangelistic effort of any Christian body. Our second concern is to cultivate a life style which reflects m its level of consumption the priority which we place upon world evangelization.

Our first concern is specified in the name of the organization by the words "world evangelization." While we as members of the UPOWE fully recognize the validity of church to church relationships, shared ministry and inter-church aid, we also seek to respond to what we conceive to be a specific call to share the gospel among people to whom no credible witness of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ is offered.

Our second concern is suggested in the name of the organization by the word "order." We confess our conscious and unconscious aquies-cence to the consumer-oriented values of our society which have not left us less free to act as responsible stewards of the bounty entrusted to us. Now more than ever, as our awareness of world hunger and human need is so acutely sharpened, we seek to respond to what we conceive to be a specific call to be better stewards by forming a community bound together by the common committment of setting voluntary limits upon the level of our consumption in order that the re-mainder of our income may be devoted to the cause of Jesus Christ. We have chosen to pursue this challenge through a community in which our individual resolve may be strengthened by a mutual covenant and a shared financial discipline in much the same way that has been accomplished routinely and has always been assumed by missionary personnel across the generations.

Lest there be any misunderstanding it is not our intention to abandon nor overlook the channels of funding and services presently established by our church, but to work in ways that are harmonious, cooperative and supplementary. Furthermore we expect that our fellowship will be paralleled in other communions and that our relationship with such sister communities will fulfill the highest ecumenical expectations.

8. Publications. The UPOWE Newsletter.

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10. General Comments.

The UPOWE was called upon to present the option of the "mission order" at the PUBC sponsored Missions Consultation November 18-20, 1974. Its major organizational activities took place early in 1975, and so are not reported here

The above is a clipping from the Ceneral Assembly Blue Book, Section K, which records reports from organizations classifiable under FORM OF GOVERNMENT, Chapter XXIII. This report went to the Committee on Minutes and Reports, I, and was reviewed and discussed there. They asked for someone from the organization to speak on its behalf. My wife, a commissioner this year, phoned me at a consultation at Ventnor and I came on an earlier plane and addressed the committee for about 15 minutes. Questions were simple and uncritical. The committee recommended to the plenary that this organization be recognized and be given status as a Chapter 28 organization. In the same meeting the committee recommended that the Presbyterian Gay Caucus be denied status. On Saturday the 17th of May the plenary, after long and polarized discussion about the Gay Caucus, passed the UPOWE without a single question from the floor. This means simply that the Ceneral Assembly minutes will record our report as above submitted. It is now our task to make the vision a reality. I did not make clear that my wife actually was a member of the Committee that dealt with our report. We cannot likely expect this advantage every time! The following day I ate breakfast with Oscar McCloud Felst P. Winte, 24 May 75 and he did not seem to be concerned.

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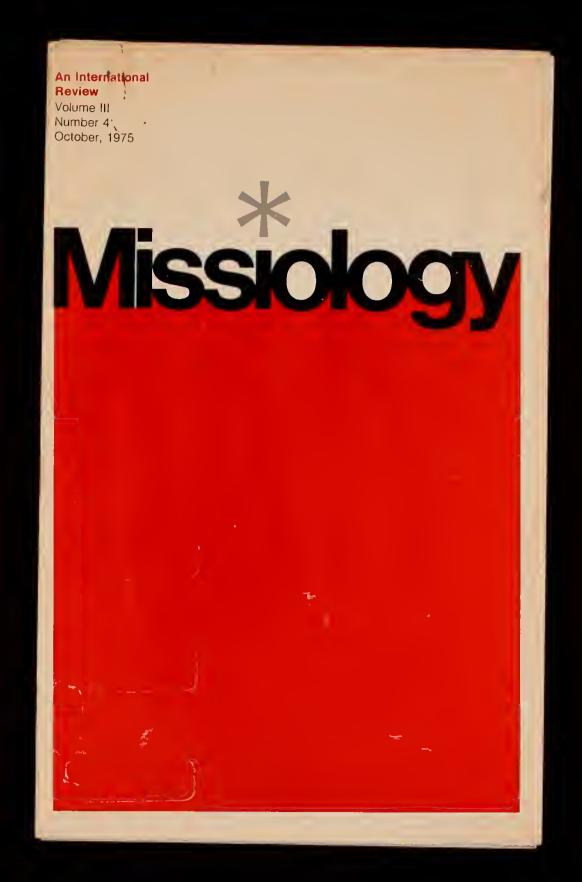
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- 1. The fundamental goal of the order is to minimize expense and maximize outreach, but to do this while paying due attention to the human dimension of the membership, and to work with maximum flexibility, with a minimum of rules.
- 2. The easiest direct description of what is intended is that the order will establish a living standard within the U.S. for people not in "full-time service" similar to that which has long been established for missionaries on the "foreign" field. The application in the U.S. (to supporters) of the conditions surrounding the employment of missionary personnel on the field would seem to be a valuable and positive step forward.
- 3. The order will not control what members earn or own, where they live, or how they support themselves, merely the level of their consumption and the general direction of their employment of the rest of their resources.
- 4. The order will offer phased encouragement to members leading them and training them to avoid unnecessary expense of time, money and health.
- 5. The order will not encourage anyone to give away funds necessary to cover the five basic securities everyone needs, and will seek the best ways for members to cover these needs.
- 6. The order will offer phased encouragement to members, leading them to significant intellectual mastery of the overall task of world evangelization, and will seek to employ them in this task.
- 7. The durability of the order in its original dedication can only be maintained by selection in and selection out. There must be a mechanism for screening in and a method for members to withdraw, either on their own volition or on the decision of the order. At the same time the order will not penalize people for withdrawal lest people be encouraged to stay in for base motives.
- 8. The order will try very hard to avoid the involuntary socialization of members' children.
- 9. The order will work along denominational lines but at the same time will encourage fellowship and community between the denominational sub-communities.
- The order will take great care to prevent its activities from conflicting in any way with a member's relationship and responsibilities to local congregations.

These paragraphs represent basic ideas we have thus far discussed. They do not constitute procedures much less final conclusions. We invite your own response to them.

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The Earliest Asian Christianity

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N a day when much is written on the urgency of "Asianizing" or "Africanizing" Christianity, lest it remain an alien growth on the continents of the Third World, it may be well to remember that indigenization (or contextualization, to use the currently more fashionable word) is no new phenomenon. It is as old as St. Paul, and historians have debated for decades whether the Hellenizing of Jewish Christianity in the West was an indispensable step in its growth, or an inexcusable dilution of its purity, or whether, in fact, it occurred at all.

It is too often forgotten that the Gospel moved east, and Asianized (if it was not, indeed, already Asian) as early as it moved west, and Hellenized. Why has not more attention been given to the Orientalizing of Christianity by the Nestorians? Before Christianity is too recklessly Asianized in the twentieth century, it might not be amiss to look back at church history and try to determine what Asianization meant in the first few centuries as revealed in the development of the Nestorian church.

One reason, of course, for the neglect is the comparative paucity of materials available on the Nestorian roots of Asian Christianity. The surviving documents are too slender a base to support some of the bold and contradictory statements made about these earliest Christians of Asia. Mingana (1925:347) calls them the greatest missionaries the world has ever seen. Legge dismisses them as "degenerate" (Foster 1939:112). Ativa (1968:265) selects 1000 A.D. as the date of the climax of Nestorian expansion and power. Foster takes the same date (987 A.D.) as the time of the eclipse of Nestorianism in China and the dismal end of two centuries of persecution and decline (1939:115ff.) In the field of theology the same contradictions persist. Nestorians are either heretics, condemned by the ecumenical councils, or they are ancient and apostolic Asian Christians untainted by the perversions of Western Greek philosophy (Bethune-Baker 1906).

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A word about my use of terms: I will speak of the *Nestorian* church, though that name was not used officially by Nestorians until the thirteenth century. Their own proud name for their church was the Church of the East. But east and west are confusingly relative terms, and since to most Christians Eastern Church means Eastern Orthodoxy, it seems best to use the less accurate but more prevalent name, Nestorian. The term "Asian Christianity" is also open to more than one interpretation. In this article I use it culturally, not geographically. Jerusalem, Antioch and Armenia are all geographically in Asia, but politically and culturally they belonged sooner or later to the West, to the Roman Empire. "Asian Christianity" as used here will refer rather to churches that grew and spread outside the Roman Empire in ancient, Oriental kingdoms stretching along the Old Silk Road from Osrhoene to China, and from Adiabene to India.

The general outline of Nestorian expansion to the east is familiar. Already, before the end of the first century,¹ the Christian faith broke strongly across the borders of Rome into "Asian" Asia. Its first roots were probably in the tiny independent principality of Osrhoene and its capital city, Edessa, where the Euphrates River curves across the Syrian border into modern Turkey.² From Edessa, the faith spread to another small kingdom 400 miles farther east across the Tigris River, the kingdom of Adiabene, with its capital at Arbela, near Nineveh. Arbela became the "nerve center," as Mingana calls it, of Christian missionary penetration into Central Asia (1925:299).

By the end of the second century, Christians are mentioned as far east as Bactria in what is now northern Afghanistan, and mass conversions of Huns and Turks in Central Asia are reported from the fifth century onwards (*ibid.* 301ff.). By the seventh century, Persian missionaries had reached the "end of the world," Chang'an, the capital of T'ang dynasty China. The Chinese received them courteously and promptly put a library at their disposal (Saeki 1951:115). But Chang'an was not the end of the world. The Chinese called it the center. Its empire was greater than either Rome or Persia, and its library larger than any in the West, including the famous library of Alexandria. It might well have become the center for the evangelization of Asia. But it did not.

One of the great mysteries in the history of missions is why Christianity, having at last reached the heart of the Chinese Empire, disappeared from there so quickly. Only two hundred years later it had virtually vanished. Most writers seek for the answer in scanty records that survive from the Chinese missionary frontier. It could be equally important to study more abundant records of its roots in Syria and Persia for clues to explain both the amazing strength of the Nestorian missionary advance, and its equally surprising collapse.

Early Syro-Persian Christianity may be divided roughly into four periods:

- 1. The Edessa-Arbela period: the Syrian roots. (100-226 A.D.).
- 2. The Sassanian period: the Persian base. (226-642 A.D.).
- 3. The Arab period: survival in isolation (642-1258 A.D.).
- 4. The Mongol period: revival and destruction (1258-1500 A.D.).

For purposes of chronological comparison, let me add some dates for Nestorian Christianity in China.

- 1. The rise of Nestorianism in T'ang China. (635-781 A.D.).
- 2. The disappearance of T'ang Christianity. (781-980 A.D.).
- 3. Temporary reappearance under the Mongols. (1200–1368 A.D.).

In this article I will deal only with the earliest period, the Edessa-Arbela, or Syrian, period. The principal primary sources include two works from the first two Asian theologians, that radically dissimilar pair, Tatian the ascetic, and Bardaisan the hedonist. Tatian's *Address to the Greeks* establishes the distinctively Asian character of Syrian Christianity outside the Roman empire while Bardaisan's *Dialogue on Fate*³ proves the intellectual originality of the Edessene theological tradition. These two works are all that survive from the second-century theologians.⁴ *The Acts of Tomas*, which is perhaps from the early third century, represents another side of Edessene Christianity, the

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which became the root-faith of Nestorian missionary expansion across the continent? For one thing, it was emphatically and unashamedly Asian. "I am an Assyrian," said its first theologian, Tatian, proudly, writing about 170 A.D. The whole thrust of his *Address to the Greeks* is a recapitulation of all the ways in which Asia (i.e., the non-Greek world) excels the West. Where did the Greeks learn their astronomy, he asks. From Babylon, from Asia. Their alphabet? From the Phoenicians, from Asia. Their poetry and music? From Phrygia, from Asia. Their postal system? From Persia, from Asia. "In every way the East excels," said Tatian in his *Address to the Greeks*, "and most of all in its religion, the Christian religion, which also comes from Asia and which is far older and truer than all the philosophies and crude religious myths of the Greeks."

This Asian Christianity for a thousand years spread faster and farther than either of the Western sects, Roman Catholicism or Greek Orthodoxy. It was further distinguished by intense missionary activity, excessive asceticism, theological orthodoxy (for the most part), and a quickness to indigenize, all of which help to explain its rapid cross-cultural expansion.

Its first characteristic was missionary compulsion. From the very beginning, Nestorian, or "Syrian" Christianity as it is better called in this period, was a spreading, evangelizing faith, growing so fast that within a century and a half it had broken out of its first bastions in the little semi-independent border principalities of Osrhoene (Edessa) and Adiabene (Arbela) and had permeated the Persian Empire from "the mountains of Kurdistan to the Persian Gulf' (Mingana 1925, 1:27; Stewart 1928:4). The widespread popularity of a "missionary romance" like the Acts of Thomas was no accident. Edessa's heroes were missionaries. Inevitably such literature abounded in dubious miracles and triumphalism, but there is also a curiously authentic note of reluctant compulsion in the old traditions of the first Syrian missions. Thomas, for example, in the Acts, goes to India, not in the all-conquering, aggressive manner of the usual missionary hagiographies, but is dragged fighting all the way against his "call" to Asia. The book opens with the apostles gathered in Jerusalem to obey the Lord's commission to "go into all the world." They draw lots to divide the world between them. When the lot for India falls to Thomas, he refuses to go. "I am too weak to travel," he says, "and how can I, a Hebrew, preach to

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romantically superstitious popular faith of the time (see Klijn 1962). Another work, dating perhaps to the second century, the Odes of Solomon (Charlesworth 1973) throws light on the liturgy and asceticism of the period, and two later works, the fourth-century Doctrine of Addai (Cureton 1967:6-23), and the sixth-century History of Mshiha-Zkha (Mingana 1908:1-168) contain the traditional histories of the beginnings of Christianity, the one in Edessa, the other in Arbela. A different version of the Arbela tradition is found in the Acts of Mari (Abbeloos 1885), which dates to about the same period.

The Christianity which these ancient documents portray is the first clearly delineated expression of the faith outside the Roman Empire and, therefore, the earliest example of what can properly be called Asian Christianity (See Medlycott 1905).

Ancient tradition traces this Syrian Christianity back to earliest apostolic times. Eusebius, the father of church history, incautiously connects it with Jesus himself. A letter (he asserts) was found in the Edessa state archives written by Christ to King Abgar promising to send a missionary healer. The Jesus-Abgar correspondence became famous and the legend refused to die even after papal condemnation as spurious, in the fifth century (Segal 1970:62-77). It contains at least this much truth: Edessa is undoubtedly one of the oldest centers of the Christian faith in the world. It had the earliest known Christian church building; it produced the first New Testament translation, the first Christian king, the first Christian state, perhaps the first Christian poet, and even the first Christian hermits. The church building is mentioned in the Chronicles of Edessa in its account of a great flood in the year A.D. 201 which damaged "the nave of the church of the Christians" (ibid. 24). The first New Testament translation was Tatian's harmony of the gospels, the Diatessaron, which was probably compiled either in Edessa or Arbela (Burkitt 1904:76). The first Christian king, as tradition has it, was Abgar the Black, of Edessa, a contemporary of Jesus. This is doubtful, to say the least. But by firmer historical evidence, it could very well have been that king's later successor, Abgar the Great (A.D. 177-212), friend of the Christian philosopher-poet Bardaisan, and protector of the church. If so, then Asia had a Christian king and a Christian state a hundred years before the conversion of Rome under Constantine.⁵

But what kind of Christianity was the Syrian Christianity

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The Doctrine of Addai had pointed to the Jewish connection long before: "The Jews also skilled in the law and the prophets, who traded in silks, they too were convinced and became disciples" (Cureton 1864:14).

Underlying and empowering the missionary spirit of the Syrian church was a trio of important virtues indispensable for Christian mission: discipline, faithfulness to the Gospel and adaptability. A political factor, also, should not be minimized, namely, that it was free to evangelize, more so at that period than was the church in the West.

The first of the trio is discipline. The example of the Apostle Thomas in the *Acts of Thomas* set the tone for an ideal of rigorous self-denial which permeated the early eastern church. This is how Thomas is described:

. . . he fasts much and prays much, and eats bread and salt and drinks water, and wears one garment, and takes nothing from any man for himself, and whatever he has he gives to others (Klijn 1962;74).

The theological roots of this ideal can be traced back to Tatian, that most anti-western of all church fathers. His writings emphasize a radical denial of all the world of matter — meat, wine, possessions and even marriage.

But there was much that was not so darkly negative about Syrian asceticism, most importantly, perhaps, its concept of the Christian life as a life focused and disciplined by a direct convenant relationship with God. The discipline of the covenant appears in the earliest Syrian documents. The Odes of Solomon, found in 1909 and attributed to the primitive second-century Edessene church, lay particular stress on the centrality of the convenant. It is a discipline of commitment between God and man in which both are bound by an oath, a covenant promise, and in which "man's responsibility is taken as seriously as God's grace." The true Christian is a "son of the covenant" or "daughter of the covenant," bound to God by oath as a warrior against the world, the flesh and the devil (Voobus 1956: 13, 63, 100ff.). In this concept of the church as a "community of the covenant" lie the roots of Syrian monasticism, which Atiya (1968) has called "the backbone of Nestorian missionary expansion."

Another characteristic of that early Syrian Christianity was its faithfulness to the Gospel. This has not always been acknowledged. Until recent discoveries brought to light the

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Indians?" He does go, finally, but only after the Lord, as a last resort, appears and sells him as a slave to an Indian merchant who carries him off in servitude to the east (James 1924;365).

The same note is found in one of the Arbela missionary traditions. Here, the missionary is Mari, disciple of Addai, the disciple of Thomas, who is sent out from Edessa "to the regions of the east" but writes back in failure, "The inhabitants are worthless heathen. I am not able to do any good." He begs to return, but the church orders him to persist, so reluctantly he sets himself to the evangelization of Persia (Abbeloos 1885:43-138; Stewart 1928:3ff.). There is no question that from the beginning the Asian church was a missionary church, and if in missionary motivation its missions seem to be more missions of obedience than of zeal and love, it was in this not at all unlike the primary pattern of the New Testament church (Acts 8:26ff.; 13:1-4).

Consciously or not, those first Syrian missionaries seemed to follow a strategy of missionary expansion which has almost always been characteristic of the church's periods of greatest advance, that is, evangelization not so much of individuals as of peoples in racial or cultural groupings as they become receptive to the Gospel. There is persuasive evidence that in the earliest period of Asian expansion these "bridges of God" (as they have been called by McGavran 1955) were the communities of the Jewish diaspora in Syria and Mesopotamia. In Edessa, for example, the legendary missionary Addai, finds his first shelter with Tobias, a Jew, according to Eusebius. Arbela's earliest Christianity was even more pronouncedly Jewish. Its kings had been converted to Judaism in the first century, according to Josephus, and the transition to Christianity must have occurred very shortly thereafter if the legends of Mari are to be believed.⁶ At any rate, it is a fact that in the later sixth-century History of Mshiha-Zkha, the earliest bishops of Arbela all have Jewish names - Isaac, Abraham, Noah, Abel - and only later do the names become Syriac and Persian. Segal ably summarizes this aspect of the Syrian missionary advance:

Christian evangelists found in the Jewish communities tools ready to hand for the diffusion of their faith; for they were close-knit congregations, respected by their neighbors, willing to accept the Christians as allies against the dominant paganism, well-acquainted with the methods of analysis and argument best suited to the theological climate of the country, and well-acquainted too with the doctrines of the Old Testament (1970:43). 423

from standard English" (1889:12). It was not only the language of Jesus, it was also the language of the people, the lingua franca of the whole Syrian and Mesopotamian world. Not until the Gospel was presented in the popular tongue did it begin to spread outside the Greek-speaking cities into the Syrian countryside (Burkitt 1904:45). Emphasis on the vernacular remained a characteristic of Nestorian missions. In Persia, later, even when the ecclesiastical language remained Syrian, the language of mission was Pahlavi. In the Far East, Nestorian missionaries gave alphabets to Mongol tribes like the Uighurs so that they might read the Word in their own tongue.

The three effective marks of the primitive Syrian church, discipline, fidelity and adaptability, put their stamp so indelibly on the resulting waves of missionary outreach that four centuries later when missionaries at last reached China, the faith they brought to the court of the T'ang emperors was still called the "Syrian religion" (Saeki 1937:79) though the Nestorians had long since been expelled from Syria and had found a new church home and base in Persia.

It would be tempting to stop here, but there is a less appealing side of the picture which must be mentioned in closing. As the virtues of the early Syrian Christians of Edessa and Arbela help to explain the incredible achievements of Nestorian missions, so also do its weaknesses throw light upon the disappearance of that church from the pages of history.

Each of its virtues seems to have had an obverse, distorting shadow. Its discipline, for example, proved all too vulnerable to the warping influences of fanaticism. What began with the promise of a community of committed who had covenanted with God to save the world too often ended only as a scattering of unwashed hermits whose only covenant was to give up the world. These were the "Encratites", condemned by the West but revered in the East.

Tatian, a very Asian theologian, as we have seen, was called the "father of the Encratites." The word means "those who are self-controlled," and is used of extreme ascetics. There are hints of Tatian's renunciation of the world in his *Address to the Greeks*. The "ignorant soul," without the light of the Logos, he says, "if it continues solitary, . . . tends downward toward matter, and dies with the flesh." And again, "The perfect God is without flesh; but man is flesh," and sin and death come from the lordship of

original teachings of Nestorius and cleared him of most of the charges of his opponents. Nestorianism suffered through the centuries from the stigma of heresy. Even the earlier Syrian church was unfairly made retrogressively suspect, though it had developed in harmony with the West for three hundred years before Nestorius was born, and though Nestorius was from the Roman west not the Asian east.

The theology of the earliest Asian churches insofar as we can reconstruct it from Tatian's Oratio, or in more popular form, from the Acts of Thomas, (or even to a lesser extent from the more aberrant Bardiasan), is not significantly more unorthodox than much of the writings of the western fathers in that age when orthodoxy had not yet been defined by the councils. Tatian, for example, takes apostolic authority as the test for scriptural canonicity, acknowledges the deity of Christ and the preexistence of the Logos, and even accepts the incarnation, which is by far the sharpest test of orthodoxy for this period (See Harnack 1901, McGiffert 1960, Bethune-Baker 1903). The Acts of Thomas, despite its exaggerated miracles, dubious history, and even perhaps a slight trace of docetism, despite also its attribution of female gender to the Holy Spirit as the "compassionate Mother," is still clear in its gospel message. Salvation is by faith alone in the incarnate, living, risen Lord, who, with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, is alone to be worshiped and adored, and in whose name believers are baptized (Klijn 1962:77). It was an apostolic faith and an apostolic New Testament that Syria's Asian missionaries carried to the East.

A third characteristic of the Christianity in that early period was its adaptability. It indigenized. It quickly gave Syria the Gospel, not in Hellenistic Greek but in its own tongue. This recognition of the vital importance of evangelizing and teaching in the vernacular may well have been the most important contribution of Edessa and Arbela to the expansion of the faith. As early as the middle of the second century, about 150 A.D., the Mesopotamian scholar, Tatian, had translated the gospels out of the *koiné* Greek, in which he felt they had been imprisoned, and put them once again, harmonized in his *Diatessaron*, into the language of Jesus. Syrian Aramaic, which was the language of Edessa and Arbela, differed from the language of Palestine, says professor Burkitt, "hardly more than lowland 'Scots' differs

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By the end of the fourth century, the Western Church had begun to condemn as heretical the more radical sects of the Encratites. The West eventually managed to regulate its monasticism. Its monks became its scholars. But in the Eastern Church the ascetics were too numerous, too powerful, and too popular to be condemned and that Church capitulated and made its peace with them (Lietzmann 1961:169). Too often the saints of the early Asian church were the unwashed, celibate hermits and anchorites living in the caves of the deserts, or on high pillars baking in the sun.

It was a distortion of the Gospel that produced this warping of the concept of Christian discipline. What was said earlier about the Eastern Church's fidelity to Christian truth must now, alas, be qualified. It is true that the fundamentals of the faith can all be found in these second century Syrian documents, but it is also true that the second century in Asian Syria produced only two theologians — Tatian and Bardaisan — and of these two, the first was "half Father and half heretic" and the other had to be excommunicated.

Tatian has been defended from the attacks of Western opponents, such as Irenaeus, on the grounds that his Orientalizing of the Christian faith was no more of a distortion than their Hellenizing of it (Carrington 1957:164), but it is difficult to support a renunciation of the world so radical that Tatian begins to wonder whether a God who would create the world of matter which is evil could really be the supreme God. Tatian is so repelled by sex, even in marriage, that he doubts whether Adam was really saved, or that Jesus could be a physical descendant of David (Harnack 1905; Voobus 1956).

As for Bardesanes, it is still a question how far his conversion from philosophic gnosticism was able to "wipe away the filth of the old heresy," as Aytoun has put it. But he is at least a refreshing change from the grim asceticism of Tatian. What Drijvers has said about Bardaisan and Mani applies as well to the startling contrast between Bardaisan and Tatian. "The difference," says Drijvers, "is between an optimistic view of man and a pessimistic view, between an active fighter against evil and a passive ascetic, between acceptance of existence and longing for salvation" (1965:226).

Bardaisan (or Bardesanes, as he is known in Latin) was an Edessene nobleman, a sportsman, a friend of the King, a poet and philosopher who thoroughly enjoyed the luxuries of his

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matter: "Matter desired to exercise lordship over the soul" and "gave laws of death to men."

He is even more extreme in some of his lost works, but it must be remembered that these survive only in the quotations of his enemies and must be received with caution. It is in these works that he is said to have rejected meat, wine and even marriage. Jerome, for example, writes, "Tatian ... the very violent heresiarch of the Encratites, employs an argument of this sort: 'If any one sows to the flesh, of the flesh he shall reap corruption;' but he sows to the flesh, who is joined to a woman; therefore he who takes a wife and sows in the flesh, of the flesh he shall reap corruption" (quoted in Roberts, Donaldson & Coxe 1903:82).

The same tone of abnormal self-denial runs through the Acts of Thomas. Marriage is considered sinful. The apostle is invited to sing at the wedding of a royal princess and sings so persuasively of the "incorruptible and true marriage" which is union with God alone, that the royal bride and groom renounce the joys of married life and consecrate themselves in perpetual virginity to Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom (Klijn 1962:66-71).

This unbiblical, over-asceticism became the popular model of spirituality in the Eastern Church. Ascetic monasticism may actually have originated in Syria, rather than in Egypt, as is usually stated. It was not until A.D. 270 that St. Anthony of Egypt, whom Athanasius called "the founder of asceticism" renounced the world, whereas Tatian, the father of the Encratites, lived a whole century earlier. The lonely monks of the Syrian desert were even more fanatical than their Egyptian counterparts. They chained themselves to rocks. They bent their bodies under huge iron weights. They walled themselves up in caves. They set themselves on fire (Voobus 1956:passim). The first of whom we have record was Atones, who lived like a wild beast in the caves of Edessa, by the well where Jacob met Rachel. His only food was uncooked grass (Carrington 1957:212). In many ways the Encratites more resembled today's Hindu fakirs than Christian saints; so much so, in fact, that one recent scholar traces their wild excesses not to Tatian, but to pagan India through the corrupting influence of Manichaeism (Voobus 1956:164). Mani, it will be remembered, journeyed from Mesopotamia into India and back around A.D. 300, and Ephrem of Edessa, writing shortly thereafter, denounces him for bringing back "the lie from India."

Persian lions did not lie down easily with the Christian lamb, and in the end they destroyed Bardaisan.

Just as serious is the possibility that the popular Christianity of Edessa, the faith of the ordinary believers, was from the beginning cripplingly infected with pagan superstitions, and that the Christian literature of the time, rather than condemning it, accommodated itself to it. Bardaisan, at least, was finally charged with heresy, but the magical and mythological fantasies embedded in the *Acts of Thomas*, for example, which was enormously popular in Edessene Christian circles, were not only tolerated but perhaps encouraged.

An issue is the disputed cult of the Heavenly Twins in Edessa, and the purported adaptations of the St. Thomas missionary tradition to take conscious advantage of its popularity. Two great pillars, fifty feet high, still stand on the citadel in Edessa (now Urfa). It is claimed that they marked a temple of the Dioscuri, the divine twins of the Roman Pantheon, Castor and Pollux, the wonder-working gods of storms and healings and carpenters. The Roman deities may even have been later substitutes for an older, Asian set of divine twins, the Edessan gods of Nebo and Bel.

At any rate, it has been charged that when the early missionaries brought the Christian faith to Edessa, instead of trying to abolish the ancient pagan worship, they cunningly substituted for the pagan twins a set of Christian twins. But where would they find twins in the gospels? One was easy to identify, "Thomas, called Didymus" (John 11:16), or "Thomas the Twin." But his twin? This is where a questionable bit of adaptation is said to have occurred. In the *Acts of Thomas*, the apostle, called Judas Thomas, is the twin of Jesus himself! A demon notes the resemblance. A colt miraculously speaks and addresses him as "Twin of the Messiah." A bride sees the Lord and mistakes him for Thomas, but the Lord replies, "I am not Judas (Thomas), but I am the brother of Judas."⁹

If this is indeed not coincidence but a calculated attempt to trade on latent superstitions among the people of Edessa, and if this is one reason why the *Acts of Thomas* was so popular and the Thomas tradition so strong there, it raises serious questions concerning the honesty and methods, if not the motives, of the

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position.⁷ His theology is a theology of freedom, not restraint. God made man free and commands him to do nothing he cannot do. Man's nature is not to do wrong, but to be free. Fate is strong and can disorder nature, but man's liberty forces back and disorders fate itself (Drijvers 1965:77ff.). Sex is not sin but is to be enjoyed. It is, in fact, purifying. It dilutes the amount of darkness in the world, says Bardaisan, and here he comes dangerously close to a more modern Asian heresy, the secret "restoration" doctrine of the *Tong'il-kyo*, the "*p'i-ka-rum*" or blood sharing of "the Rev." Moon Seon-myung.⁸

But such a comparison is not fair to Bardaisan. There is nothing unhealthy in his championing of normal human relationships against the abnormalities of the ascetics. His theological weakness lies in another direction: syncretism. His Christology, his sense of sin and his understanding of salvation are all inadequate because they have been deformed to fit an overarching cosmology derived from so many different sources that it is difficult to grasp any one coherent picture of it. Christ is not the great turning point in the cosmic process, for salvation had already begun, long before, at the moment of creation. Out of the Holy Ghost, the Mother, came two daughters, the earth and sea, and out of the sexual union of the Father and the Mother comes Christ, the Son of Life, who is also the Word of Life, the Logos. This Logos passed through Mary and found lodging in Jesus of Nazareth. The Father and the Mother (i.e., God the Father and God the Holy Spirit) are also the Sun and the Moon, and like the stars, have mysterious, spiritual power to shape man's fate and limit his freedom. Salvation and freedom come from knowledge, knowledge of the Logos, the Son of Life, the "spirit of preservation," which the Moon receives from the Sun and sends into the world (see Drijvers 1965:85-224).

In this confused and fanciful mixture of astrology, cosmology and theology are the seeds of Bardesanes' downfall. In the end, his keen, inquiring mind — Burkitt (1904:157) calls him "the only original thinker which the Syriac Church produced" — fell prey to the besetting sin of the syncretist, a willingness to adapt the faith so far that it loses its own Christian identity. Oriental astrology, Greek philosophy, sub-Christian Gnosticism, Persian magic and Hellenistic science all fought with the Christian faith to find a place within his system of thought. But the Greek and

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first waves of Asian evangelists in Syria. It would represent a potentially fatal misuse of the principle of adaptation.

The example of Bardaisan and the Thomas legends in the days of the Nestorian beginnings are perhaps a foreshadowing of what four centuries later may have happened in China, when, as the Oxford scholar, James Legge has observed, the Nestorianism of the missionary frontier allowed itself to be "swamped with Confucian, Taoist and Buddhist ideas" and sank into a "degenerate, nominal" kind of Christianity (in Foster 1939;112).

Such harsh criticism may not be completely justified. After all, the final end of Nestorianism did not come until the conquests of the Persian Mongols, and then it was as much by physical annihilation as by internal decay. Nevertheless, just as the strengths of that early Asian Christianity do much to account for the breadth and rapidity of its expansion, so also its weaknesses may account in some part for its tragic disappearance.

Notes

1. J.B. Harnack's monumental *Expansion of Christianity in the First Three Centuries*, lists no Christian communities outside the Empire in the first century, but later discoveries suggest otherwise.

2. J.B. Segal (*Edessa*, *The Blessed City*) thinks the first Christian center may have been Arbela.

3. For English texts of these speeches, see Roberts, Donaldson and Coxe (1903:59-83) for that of Tatian, and Drijvers (1965) for the *Dialogue*. This latter is sometimes ascribed to Bardaisan's disciple, Philip.

4. The "Thomas" churches of India, even if they date as claimed from the apostle do not emerge from the shadows of undocumented history until at least the fourth century.

5. Segal (1970:73, 80) doubts that Abgar the Great (whom he identifies as the VIIIth, not the 1Xth Abgar) was actually converted; Aytoun and others call him the lirst Christian king (1915:140ff.).

6. Segal (1970) emphasizes the Jewish element in Arbela's Christianity, and tends to date the conversion of Arbela even earlier than that of Edessa.

7. A biography of Bardaisan is to be found in the twelfth century Chronicle of Michael the Syrian. It is translated by F. Nau, Une Biographie Inedite de Bardesane l'Astrologue. Tiree de l'histoire de Michel le Grand, Patrarche d'Antioche, Paris, 1897.

8. Tong'd-Kyo, which is Korean for Unification Church, is known in the West by its full title, Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (see Yun-Ho Ye 1959:40).

9. Rendel Harris (1903, 1906) links the cult to Edessa and suggests most forcibly the likelihood of syncretistic adaptation. But Segal (1970) rejects Harris' "elaborate theory" that the columns are to the twin deities. See the lively discussion in Marjorie Strachey's *The Fathers Without Theology* for further suggestions that there may have been a pious juggling of traditions.

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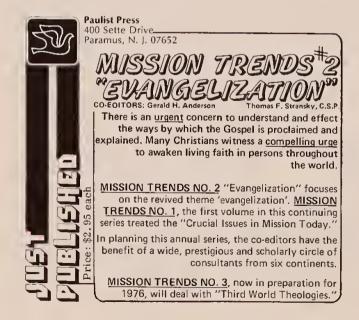
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Film to Depict Life **Of Cheju Christian**

Once a notorious backstreet hooligan, hlackmailing and cheating the early-arriving cheating the early-arriving blue-eyed missionaries in Pyongyong, Lee Ki-pung eventually found a new life in Christianity. The, religinus belief did not merely bring a new life th the mishebaving descendant of a royal prince of the Yi Dynasty, but remarkably contributed in spreoding Christlanity among the citizens of the still firmly closed hermit kingdnm of Koreo, Koreo.

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against the ruling foreign power. The life of the first Preshy-terian minister of Korea. marked with dramatie ups and downs, is now being chematized as an event to celebrate the fortheoming 70th anniversary of Lee's landing on Cheju-do for his lifelong religious and educational commission for residents of the then secluded, pnnr island.

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notes internet the picture to the io-nitilmeter film for evangel-ical purpose, shooting lots of scenes of the picturesque seaside and in villoges of the lofty Mt. Halls on the island off the south coast of the Korean peninsula. The film is mainly a reli-glous collaboration of Lee's descendants, who are also faithful Christion bellevers. The original story was written by his daughter, Mrs. Lee Se-rye, and was adopted inth a scenario by his grandson. The late minister's son-in-law, who late minister's son-in-law, who is the husband of the script-

s the husband of the script-writer, composed the music of strong religious connotation. Mrs. Lee's second son acts the role of the minister. The life story of the early Christian minister was first known to the public 10 years ogo, as his daughter Mrs. Lee Sa-TVE won a competition of Sa-rye won a competition of nonfletion writers organized by the Shin-Dong-A, a monthly magazine published in Seoul. Entitled "A Martyr Story" (Sungyo-jo), the documentary story drew guide actestice

(Sungyo-Jo), the documentary story drew quick attention among religious circles as well us many general public. The story vividly depicted the Jopanese colonialist's brutal oppression of the Korean church. The life story of a hoodlum-turned-priest was nlsn of immense human in-terest. terest.

Lee wos horn in 1865 in Pyongyang, and graduated from Pyongynng Theologicol Seminary in 1907, It was lorgely due to the tenacious persuasion by Samuei Molfet Sr., one of the earliest Ameriean missionaries to arrive in Koreu who later established Sungjon University, that Lee abandoned his boekstreet life and turned Christian. In 1908 Lee established the first church on Cheju-do,

which was named Sobu Church. He later founded eight more churches on the island, in addition to Yonghung Schnnl and Cheju Kindergarten.

The church minister died in 1943 after being tortured hy the Japanese for opposing their policy to brainwash the Korean people hy forcing them in practice daily service

them in practice daily service for their own national god, "I can never forget the day my old father was dragged to prison like a dog by the Jap-anese police," Mrs. Lee Sa-rye wrote in a travelogue on her two-month tour to Jap-anese churches last year. The trip was organized by the Jap-aoese Christian eirlees on the acese Christian eirlees on the occasion of the publication of the Japanese version of "Sungyo-bo" there.

At clurches around Tokyo and Knhe, Mrs. Lee told Jap-anese congregations about the harsh repressive measures the Jupanese colonial govern-ment imposed on the Korean church, especially in the last years of its 36-year rule of the peninsula.

The budget for the produc-tion of the religious doeu-mentary film is some 12 million won, which includes six million donated by various Christian generications and

six million donated by various Christian organizations and iadividual believers across the country, and four million Jap-anese yen contributed by the Japan Mission Film Co. It is expected to be premiered at the Campus Crusade of Koren head-quarters at Chong-dong, Seoui, around Sept. 20. And then the film will be shown at ehurches and institutions for juvenile delinquents over the country. The religious film is also to be distributed to aiso to be distributed to Christian circles in Japan, the United States, Canada, Norway, Sweden, and Africa through the Japan Mission Film Co



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general public. Most people know the origin of their lineage and remember the names and deeds of some successful ancestors recorded in their family history. This tlme-honored tradition influenced the soelety of the Yi Dynasty and contemporary scene.

Speaking at a seminar recently sponsored by the Korea Genealogical Society, Korea Genealogical Society, Kang Chu-jin, president-publisher of the weekly Toksuh Shinnoon, explained that the major goal of the system is to maintain solidarity and integrity be-tween individual, family nnd

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by SAMUEL HUGH MOFFETT

The Great Evangelist

God has the message. He does the inviting. We are only doorkeepers

Y ou can't be an evangelist, you say? "''' says God. "T'll setti, uat. Just be a doorkeeper. I'll be the evangelist." Will you settle for that?

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New Testament word *evangel* did to the Anglo-Saxons. Today's word is not *evangel*, nor even *gospel*; for modern man the word is *good news*.

Any definition of the Gospel must encompass three key proclamations, all of which are found in Scripture: the apostolic, the Messianic, and the angelic.

The apostolic evangel was the message that the early church carried to the world. The Apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel." But why wasn't he? Was not the Gospel a ridiculous thing for a Roman to be preaching — full of nonsense about love, meekness, humility, and turning the other cheek, and about a cod

and about a god who died like a criminal? It was rubbish suitable for slaves or women, not for world - conquering Romans. Such was Rome's attitude — self-sufficient and powerful. Rome's standard was the eagle; its symbols were the axe and the short sword, not the cross. Rome wanted victory, not sacrifice; power, not

meekness. So Paul stood up and said to Rome, "The good news I have for you is power."²

And this is the first characteristic of the apostolic evangel: power. There is a dynamic and a movement in the Good News that will not suffer compression or containment. It is precisely because the evangel is first of all power that evangelism can never be equated with the cold, clear transmission of orthodoxy to the unbeliever. The power of the Spirit received, the power of a personal encounter with God, this is the good news of the evangel. It is heady stuff.

But the same apostle who was so excited about the power of the Gospel as he begins his Letter to the Romans, goes on to write 12 of the most closely reasoned theological chapters in all of Scripture. Paul was the greatest evangelist in history because he not only had power, he had learning. If the evangelist's message is not true to the facts it is not good news at all, it is only wishful thinking or false propaganda.

A few months after the Communists overran Peking in 1949 they posted a slogan in huge characters across the walls of a bookstore in Tientsin. It said: "Any fact which is not in accord with revolutionary theory is not a true fact." But for the Christian any preaching which is not in accord with the facts is not the true evangel. "What the apostles preached," said James S. Stewart, "was neither a philosophy of life nor a theory of redemption. They preached events. They anchored their Gospel to history."³

The facts Paul chose as his summary of the Good News are the most fundamental facts of all existence: death and life. In Christian symbolism they are portrayed by the cross and the crown. Now, where is the Good News in death? As that durable Puritan, John Owens, put it 300 years ago, the Good News "is the death of death in the death of Christ."⁴ The hard facts of sin and death are never isolated in the Biblical evangel apart from the love of God, and the deepest proof of that love is that "while we were yet sin-ners, Christ died for us."⁵ The Bible does not dodge the fact that sin causes death, but its spotlight is not on man's death by sin, but on Christ's death for sin. That is the Good News.

The evangelist must present the facts without apology, but also in love, without condemnation. The late Paul Little tells the story⁶ of an intoxicated man who, traveling on a train, lurched into the seat beside Charles Trumbull, the founder of *The Sunday School Times*. Spewing profanity and filth, the man offered Trumbull a swallow from his flask. Trumbull inwardly recoiled, and a lesser man might have blasted the stranger for his condition, but instead Trumbull politely declined the drink, saying, "No, thank you, but I can see you are a generous man." The other's eyes lit up and it was the beginning of a conversation that brought him to the Savior.

That is evangelism. It communicates the Good News which is not condemnation but salvation. The dynamic of the Gospel is its movement from death to life. It took a miracle to wrench the course of history and bring it around from death to life. That was the miracle of the Resurrection. Such is the apostolic evangel : power, and death, and life — the fire, the cross, the crown.

Even earlier than the evangelism of the apostles was the *Messianic evangel*, or Jesus' evangelistic ministry. There is a significant difference here. Jesus' own evangel as he preached it in the villages of Galilee focused on an aspect of the Gospel which not all evangelists have recognized: the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. This evangel is the affirmation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Theologians tell us that the earliest creed of the church was "Jesus is Lord." Paul said, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit."⁷ The Bible does not give us one creed for evangelicals, "Jesus is Savior," and another for social activists, "Jesus is Lord." The creed of the church and the teaching of Scripture is that "Jesus is Lord and Savior." In other words, no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," who has not first said, "Jesus is Savior." The Messianic evangel calls for commitment both to Christ's Person and to his program.

There is, finally, an angelic evangel. Earliest of all proclamations in the New Testament was the evangel of the angels. Luke tells us that the angel declared to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: there is great joy coming to the whole people. Today in the city of David a deliverer has been born to you — the Messiah, the Lord."⁸

The lost note in most of our evangelism is hilarity — a Biblical word. The evangel is a theme for singing, and if we cannot sing it, it is not the Gospel. It can be power and fact and ethics and invitation and all the rest; but take the joy out of it, and it does not really grip the heart.

It is as simple as that — the Gospel. If you cannot preach it, at least sing it. Proclaim it as truly and simply and as earnestly as you can. This world of ours is dying for the kind of happiness which the Good News of the love of God in Christ has the power to give.

(1) Romans 1 16. (2) Cf. Romans 1'4, 16 (3) From 'Thine is the Kingdom,' by James S Stewart, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York (4) From 'The Oeath of Oeath,' by John Owen. (5) Romans 5'8, (6) In 'How to Give Away Your Faith,' by Paul E. Little, © 1966 by Inter-Varsity Press, Chicago. (7) Cf. 1 Corinthrans 12 3, (8) Luke 2 10-11, NEB

Samuel and

Eileen Moffett in

the garden of their

home in Seoul, Korea

all. God is. The Great Evangelist is

with us, and in us, and for us. Our

task is to open the door a little so

Gospel, and the word "gospel" has a

nice, pious ring to it, but we forget

that it probably means as little to the

average person today as the Greek

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Evangelism means preaching the

that men can go in and find him.

On January 4, 1909, an English scholar, Dr. J. Rendel Harris, began examining some torn and stained papers that had been lying on his shelf for two years. He had brought them back from the 'neighborhood of the Tigris' Valley in Syria. Among them he found, to his astonishment, a nearly complete 16th-century Syriac manuar complete 16th-century Syriac manu-script of the 'Odes of Solomon', a lost apocryphal writing well known to Christian scholars in the first centuries.

These 42 odes, or songs, were apparently the work of a Jewish Christian writer living perhaps in Antioch late in the first century A.D. He has been described as 'a songwriting poetic genius of the first order! Except for fragments, the odes had been lost for well over a thousand years. Because each over a thousand expression 'Hallelujah', scholars believe that the collection may be, apart from the Psalter, the earliest hymnbook of the Christian community. DECISION is honored to introduce to

its readers nine selections from the 'Odes of Solomon' They will be recognized as authentically 'Biblical' in spirit and tone, even though not composed by Solomon. We hope some young Christians will be captured by their beauty and will set them to music. Read, and let your heart be uplifted! - ED.

- 200 Here Transferrer ODE THREE I should not have known how to love the Lord if he had not loved me for who is able to grasp the meaning of love except the one that is loved? I love the Beloved and my soul loves him and where his rest is there also am I and I shall be no stranger for with the Lord most high and merciful there is no keeping back I have been united with him for the Lover has found the beloved and because I shall love him that is the Son I shall become a son for he that is united to him who never dies will also himself become immortal and he who has pleasure in the Living One will become alive will become alive. This is the Spirit of the Lord who does not lie who teaches the sons of men to know his ways. Be wise and understanding and vigilant. Hallelujah.

ODE EIGHT

Open, open your hearts to the exultation of the Lord and let your love be multiplied from the heart and even to the lips to bring forth fruit to the Lord living, holy and to speak with watchfulness in his light. Rise up and stand erect you who sometimes were brought low. Speak out you who were in silence now that your mouth has been opened. Be lifted up you who were despised for your Righteousness has been lifted up! The right hand of the Lord is with you and he will be your Helper and peace was prepared for you before your war ever was. Hear the Word of truth ha receive the knowledge of the Most High. Keep my secret you who are kept by it keep my faith

you who are kept by it understand my knowledge you who know me in truth love me with affection you who love. I do not turn away my face from them that are mine for I know them and before they came into being I took knowledge of them and on their faces I set my seal. Hallelujah.

ODE TEN

The Lord has directed my mouth by his Word and he has opened my heart to his light and he has caused to dwell in me his immortal life. He gave me that I might speak the fruit of his peace to convert the souls of them who are willing to come to him and to lead into freedom those who are captive. I was strengthened and made mighty and took the world captive and it became to me for the praise of the Most High and of God my Father. Hallelujah.

ODE ELEVEN, 1 My heart was cfrcumcised: and its flower appeared (10) [1]. and Grace sprang up in it and it Brought forth fruit to the Lord for the Most High circurncised me by his Holy Spirit and searched my affection toward him and filled me with his love. His circumcising became my salvation and I ran in the Way in his peace in the Way of truth. I received his knowledge and was established upon the josk of truth where he had set me .: Speaking waters touched my lips from the fountain of the Lord and copiously I drank and was intoxicated with the living water that does not die. My intoxication was not without knowledge but I forsook pride and turned to the Most High my God. I was enriched by his bounty and turned away from the foolishness that overlay the earth stripped it off and cast it from me. The Lord renewed me in his garment and possessed me by his light. The Lord was like the sun shining on the face of the land. He lightened my eyes and my face received the dew and my face received the dew and my breath was refreshed by the pleasant fragrance of the Lord and he carried me into his Paradise where is abundance of the pleasure of the Lord and I worshiped the Lord on account of his glory and I said, Blessed, O Lord, are they who are planted in your land and those who have a place in your Paradise who grow according to the growth of your trees and have changed from darkness to light. Glory be to you, O God. Hallelujah.

ODE TWELVE

He has filled me with words of truth that I may proclaim him and his knowledge he has caused to abound in me because the mouth of the Lord

and the entrance of his light. The Most High has given him to his generations they are the interpreters of his beauty the narrators of his glory the confessors of his purpose the preachers of his mind and the teachers of his works for the swiftness of his Word is beyond telling and so is his sharpness and so is his sharpness while his course is illimitable. He never falls but stands sure for he is the light and dawning of thought and by him the generations speak to one another and those who were silent acquired speech. From him came love and equality and they communicated one to another that which was theirs. They were justified by the Word and they knew him who made them because they were in harmony. The mouth of the Most High spoke to them and his exposition took its course through him for the dwelling place of the Word is man and his truth is love. Blessed are they who by means of him Blessed are they who by means of him have known the Lord in his truth. Hallelujah.

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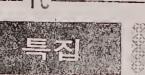
ODE FOURTEEN As the eyes of as on to his father so are my eyes. O Lord, at all times toward you tor with; yourismy delight. Turn not away your mercies from me, Lord, and take not your kindness from me. Stretch out to me your right hand, Lord, and be my:guide even to the end according to your good pleasure. Let me be well-pleasing before you because of your glory Let me be well-pleasing before you because of your glory and because of your Name let me be saved from the evil one. Let your gentleness abide with me, Lord, and the truits of your love. Teach me the melodies of your truth that I may bring forth fruit in you and open-to me the harp of your Holy Spirit that with every note I may praise you Lord. According to the multitude of your tender mercies so give to measure Hasten to grant our petitions for you are sufficient for all our needs. Hallelujah.

ODE FIFTEEN²

Hallelujah.

As the sun is the joy to those who long for its daybreak so is my joy the Lord because he is my Sun and his rays have lifted me up and his light has dispelled all darkness from my face. In him I have been given eyes to see his holy day. to see his holy day. Ears have become mine and I have heard his truth. The thought of knowledge has been mine and I have been delighted through him. The way of error I have left and have walked toward him and have received salvation from him and have received salvation from him with a free and open heart. According to his generosity he gave to me and according to his excellent beauty he made me. I have put on incorruption through his Name and have put off corruption through his Grace. 'Death has been destroyed before my face and Sheol has been abolished at my Word'. Eternal life has arisen in the Lord's land and it has been made known to his faithful ones and has been given without stint to all those who trust in him.

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1. 출생 및 가족사항

바 삼락비사는 미국인으로서 1916년 4월7일 대한민국 평양에서 출생됐다 그의 부친 마포삼열 박사(Samuel A. Moffett)는 본 대학 설립자 및 초대 교장이미, 부인 마예린 여사(Eileen F. Moffett)는 본 대학 건입강사로서, 그 의 출생 및 가족 사항은 우리 대학 과 아주 진밀한 관계가 있다. 슬하에 가서은 없다.

2. 학력 및 경력

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◎ 경력 ◎

미국: Bridgeport 제1장로교회 협동 목사(1943~44) New Haven 게 1 장로교회 칩 동목사(1944~45) 장로교 외지선교 칭년분과 위원장 (1945~46) Princeton 신학교 초빙 강사(1953~ - 55) 장로교 외지선교 지원자 협희 총무 서리 (1954~55) Columbia 대학 아세아연구원 연구위 원(1971~) Whiworth 데학 인권이사(1973~) 중국 변경대학교 교수(1948~49) 남경신학교 교수(1949~50) 글공에서 추방(1951.1) 군 안동 경안 성서 학원장(1957~59) 안동 경안고등학교 이사장(1957-59) 언세 대학교 이사(1957~), 미국 연합장로회 한국지회 대표서리 $(1969 \sim 70)$ 장로회 신학대학 역사 신학교수 (1960~) 기로회 신학대학 대학원장(1966~70) 장로피 신학대학 협동학장(1970~) 로얄 소사이어티 한국지희 자문위원 및 대표(1963~68) 미국 플부라이트 한국지부회 장학의 원(1966~67) 중전대학교 이사(1969~) 중실 중 고등학교 이사(1963~) 아세아연합신학원 장(1974-) 3. 그의 공적

외국인으로서 22년 간을 대한 민국 의 사회 문화 선교 및 교육발전을 위 하여 많은 공헌이 있지만 한정된 지 면에 자세하지는 못하나마 및 가지 문 야로 나누어 그의 공적을 살펴보고자 한다.

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민국의 정통성과 민족의 우수성을 외 국에 대하여 기회있을 뗴마다 소개한 바 있읍니다.

나 외국인에 대한 한국 소개

연인원 20만명 이상의 외국인에게 한 국에 대한 강연과 발견상을 소재하었 으며 그 대표적인 인물은 "아이젠하 워"전 미국 대통령(세치중)을 위시하 여 세개 각국의 지명인사 등으로 이 들에 대한 간집적인 대한민국의 국위 선양애 이바지한 바 큽니다.

다. 한국과 한국의 교회에 대한 저술 한국과 한국의 교회에 관한 저서가 4 천으로 10여만부의 판매배표실적이 있 으며 그 대표적인 저서는 "The Christians of Korea(1962)" "Joy for an Anxious Age(1966) 등 입니다.

라. 외국간행물에 한국에 관한 기고





grow in Korea"(1970) 등이고 또한 "modernigation of Korea" (1970)에 기 고한 "Protestant Contributions to the modernigation of Korea"등 입니다. 또 한 1975년판 국제인물사전에 한국인에 판한 항목을 집필한 바 있읍니다.

마, 외국인에 대한 한국명소 안내 로얀 아시아 협회의 회원을 비롯한 한국을 방문한 외국인 수권 명해 대 한 한국의 명소 안내의 주역을 말아 한국의 뛰어난 입적과 찬란한 민족의 얼을 외국인으로서 자접적으로 소개 하 있읍니다. 그 중 저명인사로는 켈토우 위 미국 국방장관 부인, 와이어 하우저 회사의 "테이비스 와이어 하우저" 미 국 국회의원 "월타 쥬드" 의원과 그 부인, 프린스톤, 예일등 자 대학 교수 등입니다. 기타 수권 명의 주관 유우



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사이어디, 제한 의국인 교회등 문화사 최 단체에 관련하여 한국의 문화발전 에 기여하였읍니다. 어디한 환동에 필 요한 자금을 미국과 서둑 교회로 부 디 50만불 이상의 거액을 원조받도록 주 있읍니다.

(2. 고육분야

1956 는, 터 현재까지 20년간 인세 대학교 이나 역임, 1960년 부터 현재 까지 장로회신하대학 교수, 대학원장, 명애학장등 역임, 1963년 부터 현재까 지 중전대학교 이사 역임, 기타 로이 알 아세아티 소사이어티 병의원 Full brigc. 한국위원으로 활동한 바 있읍 너다, 이 활동기관 중 관계기관 발전 을 위한 보력은 물론 때만불 이상의 거액의 원조를 유치하는 데 주도적 역 할을 하였으며, 목치 중국본토가 공산 화됨에 따라 연경 대학 후원재단기금 (하바드 엔칭)을 한국 대학의 교수 양 성을 위한 기금을 유치한 바 있읍니다

3. 기타 참고 사항

마 삼락 박사의 부친 "마포삼열"박 사(선교사)는 19세기말 대한민국 민족개 화기의 초대 선교사로서 한국민족의 개 가 선구자로 헌신하여 왔으며 특히 평 양 신학교, 중실 대학, 중실 중학교, 중실 여학교 등 200여개의 교육기관과 교회를 설립한 교육자인 동시에 교회 지도자로서 3·1독립 운동 당시에는 마 포삼연 선교 사택 경대에서 독립 선 언문이 인쇄되었고 독립 만세에 가담 한 자에 대한 일제의 비인도적 박 해를 항의하는 항의서에 최초 서명자 이디 기미 3월4일에는 미국 교회와 미국 사회에 일본의 부당성을 폭로 함 으로씨 3、1운동의 정당성과 한국 립의 당위성을 세계 반방에 호소 주 장하여 우리의 독립 정신과 민족 의 식을 고취한 선작자인 동시에 적극적 후원자였읍니다. 또한 마포 삼열선 인 교사의 정자인 제임스 마펫 목사로 2 차 대전이 시작되자 외국인들을 추방 할 때 당시 숭실 대학에 게양하였던 태극기를 국외로 지출 보존하였다가 1974년 중전대학교에 반환하여 3·1운 동 당시로부터 55년만에 다시 대학 교 정에 게양하여줌으로써 선친의 위업과 3.1 정신을 입증하는 새로운 감격을 느기게 하였읍니다. 이와같이 "마펫"가 문은 대대로 한국을 위하여 헌신하며 봉사하며 대한민국을 사랑하며 후원 하는 가문으로 우리의 역사에 기록되 고 있읍니다. 특히 마 삼락 박사의 동 "하위드 마펫"박사는 6. 25동란시 생 에 비 공군 군위관으로서 종군하었다 가 에비역으로 편입되자 경상북도 데 구 소재 동산병원 원장으로서 미국과 구라파둥지의 장로교 재단으로부터 5백 만불 이상의 거액을 도입하여 의료기 관으로 발전시켜 빈민과 병역자를 위 해 봉사하고 있읍니다. 또한 병원과 아 울러 간호학교를 실립운영하는 교육자 이기도 합니다.

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